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Cowbridge is all ready to bloom again - see full story on page 4.

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Cowbridge honours its good citizens

AT the end of last month, Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council held its first citizenship award ceremony, in the Bear Hotel, after local people were asked to nominate worthy candidates.

At a time when so many aspects of society depend on people who give up their time to help others, or to take on duties that benefit the community, such awards are becoming more and more popular, and this year's ceremony in Cowbridge established quite clearly that the town had no shortage of excellent candidates.

Categories included: Citizen of the Year; Young Citizen of the Year; Sports Personality of the Year; and Service to the Community.

There was also an Honorary Citizenship award which went to a stalwart supporter of the Poppy Appeal, and the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Cllr Terry Williams, presented four Mayor's awards to citizens who had made a major contribution to the town.

Cllr Williams told The GEM that he hoped the awards would become a regular fixture on the Cowbridge calendar, and that there were so many people, all giving their time in different areas, who were making a real difference to the town.

It was noticeable from this year's awards that many people had been contributing to the life of the town for many years, with two award winners having clocked up more than 50 years!

Philip Irwin

(*For full details of the awards, please turn to page 21*).

Vale village celebrates opening of new facilities at community hall

DESPITE storm Hannah blowing a gale, the sun shone on the official opening of the newly-built Village Hall Annexe at Ystradowen.

The project was begun by residents in January 2017 when section 106 funding became available to the Vale Council following the building of new houses in the village.

Penllyn Community Council suggested that the funding could be used to apply for more government funds from the Welsh Government and the European Union. The Ystradowen Community and Sports Association (YCSA) took up the challenge and the finished project is an example of the European Union and Welsh Government investing in rural areas using the European Union Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

The new facilities include two further meeting rooms for community use and hire; additional car parking; access to full high speed broadband; a community cinema and a competition-standard petanque piste in nearby Parc Owain.

YCSA chairperson Chris Kipling said: "As the village has grown in recent years, the voluntary community association has needed to expand its facilities to meet increased demand and changing needs. We're really pleased that our team of volunteers has secured the future of village hall facilities that are entirely owned and managed by the residents of Ystradowen."

The celebrations began with residents and guests meeting on the Petanque piste to try out a taster session. Nine members of the well-established Penarth Club came and enjoyed a friendly afternoon with villagers. The session was coached by Jean-Yves Robic, a qualified coach in the Welsh Petanque Association.

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AM welcomes Purple Shoots to the Senedd

Jane Hutt AM with Karen Davies, director of Purple Shoots.

VALE AM Jane Hutt welcomed Purple Shoots to the Senedd for their event, 'Does Poverty Mean Exclusion', looking at the impact Purple Shoots has had in Wales by helping people access affordable finance to start a business.

Ms Hutt said: "It was great to welcome my award-winning constituent Karen Davies and the Purple Shoots team to the Senedd to hear about the impact their work is having on people across Wales to lift them out of poverty and allow them to start their own business, by giving over £1 million loans to 500 beneficiaries and taking people off benefits and into business and employment."

What's on and where?

Rhoose Community Cinema

WELL, here's another fine film for you… this gentle, sweet story of two of cinema's most legendary comics: Stan & Ollie (PG) on May 18, old friends and new always welcome.

Doors open 6.45pm, show time 7.15pm; all tickets £5 on the door or via www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/604094.

Family fun day in Dinas Powys

IT'S all go for the Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre 'Family Fun Day'.

The event takes place on Saturday, May 18 between 12pm and 4pm next to the junior site of the primary school. There will be a huge range of activities and games for all the family.

The day also will be an opportunity to take a view of the beautiful refurbishment of the centre. Changes include a new room for hire and a café area. There will be a bouncy castle, a paint bike, photo booth, junk modelling and Punch & Judy. Traditional working Meccano models will also be on show. If you like face painting it's the place to be.

Bethesda Chapel is organising football competitions and the sports play development team will be present, as well as village organisations such as Wild About Nature and Dinas Powys Fair Trade. The WI will offer teas and soft drinks.

Plants, preserves, glassware and home-made beer will be on sale and a barbecue will be in operation.

Readers' Letters

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'Common sense versus customer service!'

ON Tuesday, April 30, I attempted to visit the Barry Recycling Centre on the Atlantic Trading Estate.

It was around 11am and on approaching the site, I could see a queue of at least a dozen cars waiting to get in. I only had three medium-sized cardboard boxes to dispose of. Consequently, instead of joining the queue of cars and adding to potential exhaust pollution, I pulled into a side road, parked and decided to walk the hundred yards or so to the site.

As I approached the entrance, the operative who was checking each vehicle entering, shouted across to me from around 50 feet away stating that I could not enter the site on foot.

I responded by shouting back that I only had the three boxes I was carrying and that I thought I was helping by not adding to the congestion. Incidentally, I also had proof of my residency in the Vale ready to present to him.

In reply to my explanation, he simply pointed to the sign at the entrance that states you can not enter the site on foot. My response that I was only trying to be helpful was met with deaf ears and indifference.

I totally appreciate that rules and regulations are there for a purpose but in my opinion, there should also be a level of common sense and, dare I say, customer service.

As I was walking back to my car, a kind gentleman who was patiently queueing in his car called over to me and offered to take the boxes from me. My thanks to that person.

Mark Jones,
Barry.

'Llantwit Major needs a supermarket choice'

IN a recent GEM, there was an article asking for views to be sent to Andrew RT Davies on the prospect of opening a Lidl store in Llantwit Major and/or Cowbridge.

I think the vast majority of people living in Llantwit Major would welcome Lidl opening here.

We lost out on having Sainsbury's here in Llantwit Major four years ago because of a ridiculous campaign to stop it happening.

We need a supermarket in Llantwit Major that offers value for money and quality – this is why at least 90 per cent of those living here shop outside the town for their groceries.

This is a waste of our time and fuel.

David Watson,
Llantwit Major

Thanks to Good Samaritans

MAY I submit a big 'thank you' to the two people who rushed to help my 95-year-old mother when she fell over on Barry Road in Barry this afternoon.

The young man had already walked past when mother fell but he immediately ran back and helped to lift her up off the pavement and steady her on her feet again which, I might add, is no mean feat.

The lady was passing in a car but, seeing my mother fall, she found the nearest available parking space and came quickly back to help. Both then gently helped my mother to her front door, taking charge of her bag and small dog, and made sure she was alright before continuing on their way.

At a time when the media are so full of negative news it is wonderful to meet people whose first instinct is to come to the aid of someone in danger. Both my mother and I are truly grateful.

(Name and address supplied.)

'No thought given to X2 bus service users'

OUT of the blue, with no forewarning, it appears that the X2 bus route to Cardiff is about to change.

It will no longer go through Ely and Canton but down the bypass (no fares to be had there) and through the Bay.

Friends and relatives to visit in Ely? Shopping in Aldi or Lidl? A resident of Ely and fancy a day out in Porthcawl? Forget it.

Having gone throughout the Bay, where few wish to go, we are to be dumped at the rear of the Central Station. We then face a march to the centre along Saunders Road – intimidating in daylight and threatening after dusk. There are no shortcuts.

No thought has been given to the problems of the elderly, the infirm, the blind, the wheelchair-bound and their carers or the young mothers struggling with a baby buggy and possibly a tired toddler in tow.

Returning home via the same lengthy route, we must stand in all weathers to await the X2. No seat, no shelter; these we have at present in Westgate Street, a mere two minutes walk from the shopping centre.

A necessary break for the driver? Forget that too, there are no facilities.

This decision, which ignores the welfare and convenience of the travelling public, is lunatic.

Time for a rethink!

Patricia Price,
Cowbridge.

Climate Emergency action needed

GIVEN the declaration of a Climate Emergency by our Assembly, the First Minister should:

1. Put a stop to the Aviva-funded incinerator on Barry's Waterside and stop dithering on the EIA. The Welsh Government have to revoke NRW's license to operate; a license granted hurriedly without regard to the huge CO2 emissions, twice that of coal-fired power.

2. Put an end to studies of the M4 Newport bypass and the major new road link to the M4 to from Sycamore Cross through Pendoylan, not only trashing the environment, but there is a huge CO2 impact from the concrete construction and extra car journeys induced by a new road, supposedly for trips to the airport (and Aston Martin's factory at St Athan) when public transport to the airport is abysmal.

Any other action would be 'business as usual' and an insult to the Climate Emergency protesters.

Keith Stockdale,
Barry & Vale
Friends of the Earth
Co-ordinator.

Climate emergency? Time to take action in Barry

THE welcome realisation by the Welsh Government that there is a climate emergency, albeit holding the hands of the Scottish Government and jumping in before the UK Government, would suggest that Cardiff Bay has woken up.

Read the numerous statements by Welsh Government ministers on CO2 reduction. Read multiple reports commissioned by the Welsh Government on the need for CO2 reduction.

Read the letters of protest from its electorate to stop allowing CO2 pollution next to their homes.

Read the headlines of school children rightly worried for their future because of CO2 pollution.

The Welsh Government has taken 15 months and counting to find a legal excuse to allow the CO2-emitting Barry incinerator to operate.

My welcome comes tinged with sadness that words not followed by action by our representatives will leave our children in a far worse place than we are now.

Paul Robertson,
Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL MAY 16)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
09 Thur	10.12	9.3	22.29	9.1
10 Fri	10.58	8.9	23.21	8.6
11 Sat	11.54	8.4	-------	----
12 Sun	00.23	8.2	13.06	8.1
13 Mon	01.41	8.1	14.27	8.1
14 Tues	02.59	8.3	15.46	8.5
15 Wed	04.12	8.7	16.48	9.0
16 Thurs	05.13	9.2	17.43	9.3

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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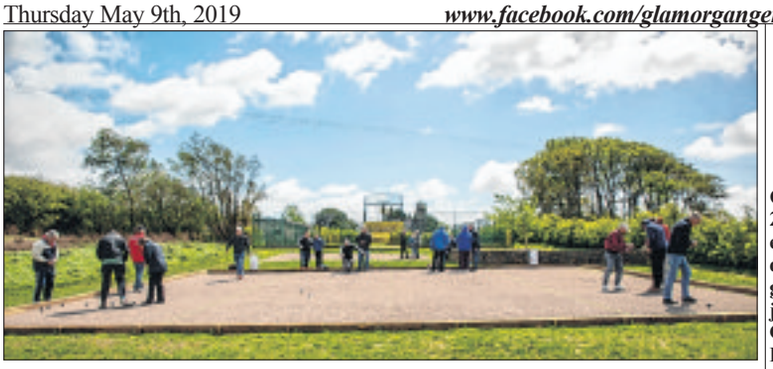

New facilities opened at community hall

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During the afternoon, Chris Kipling gave a speech to thank everyone involved in this complex project. As well as the Village Hall committee, very many residents had freely offered their time, skills, knowledge and expertise and they were thanked personally in the speech.

Chris Kipling also said: "Three volunteers in particular need a special mention: Chris Howard, David Thursfield and Tony Cheeseman. Our project could not have happened without their meticulous work in applying for grants, design and project management."

The annexe was officially opened (*pictured right*) by Carol Phillips of Ash Hall, whose husband John has been a trustee and supporter of the hall for many years. Mr and Mrs Phillips made the project possible by donating a parcel of land for the additional parking.

Villagers and guests circulated through the new annexe, admiring the space and the quality of the fixtures and fittings.

As well as residents hiring the facilities or enjoying the events put on by the committee, it is hoped that the larger village hall will now attract more outside agencies, educators, groups and clubs to hire the space for both business and pleasure.

From Monday, May 13, the new contact number to hire the hall or annexe will be 07494 555125.

All photographs by Mike Davies.

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Villagers' community clean up at St Hilary

ON Good Friday 20 St Hilary villagers, aged five to 85, donned their safety gloves and hi-vis jackets (supplied by Glamorgan White Lining) to carry out a community litter pick as part of the 'Spring Clean Cymru' campaign.

This spring clean was in addition to the regular group who clear up the fast food wrappers and other rubbish, jettisoned from car windows around the village. Using litter pickers (supplied by the Vale Council) a total of 12 sacks of rubbish was collected, weighing in at nearly 40kgs.

A large amount of discarded waste was found on St Hilary Down including a fax machine and an old garden slide!

Tired helpers were rewarded with coffee, cake and Easter eggs in the village hall at the end of the morning. Sadly, within a couple of hours of the litter pick, discarded MacDonald's wrappers were appearing on the verge of the road leading into the village.

Liz Loch

Daniel Neudegg, Gruffudd and Osian Pugh.

The sacks of rubbish.

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News from Llangan Primary School

THE children have settled back at school after their Easter holiday.

They have a very busy term ahead, especially for the year-6 pupils who have their last term at the school before moving on to high school.

Last week, the reception to year-2 pupils had a Samba drumming workshop and afterwards, the children hosted a mini concert in the playground for their parents.

St Canna's, Llangan

ON Saturday, May 18, St Canna's will hold a coffee and cake morning between 10am and 12 noon.

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Cowbridge all ready to bloom again

LAST week, Cowbridge in Bloom volunteers were invited to have coffee with the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council, Cllr Terry Williams.

The Mayor wished to thank them for all the hard work that goes into setting up and watering the flower displays on the main street and beside the river in Cowbridge.

Cllr Williams said: "I know that the residents of Cowbridge and visitors to the town enjoy the displays of flowers on the lamp posts and in the containers beside the river.

"These, together with the displays outside the Town Hall, shops and businesses, make the town really attractive through the summer months.

"Everyone in Cowbridge is very grateful indeed to the volunteers who give their time to support the community in this way."

The flowers will shortly be put in place ready for this summer. The cost of the Cowbridge in Bloom flowers is covered by a small grant from the Cowbridge and Llanblethian Town Council, by private donations and past donations from the shops and businesses in the town.

The watering is carried out three times each week throughout the summer months. Over the years, the number of volunteers to carry out the watering has gradually reduced and there is now a desperate need for more people to come forward to help.

The success of Cowbridge in Bloom is entirely dependent on donations and volunteers. If anybody wishes to contribute to the cost of this year's displays, or to volunteer to help with the watering, contact Peter Davies on 01446 775211.

Cowbridge in Bloom volunteers were thanked by Mayor Terry Williams for their hard work. Photograph by Mike Wilcock.

WANTED – 'Traditional Tools and Spectacles'

THIS Sunday, May 12, is the second of this year's Cowbridge Rotary charity car boot sales in the Cowbridge Town Hall car park (from 8.30am).

Cowbridge Rotary president Michael Long is appealing for donations of traditional tools and spectacles to be brought along and donated at the Rotary table for onward despatch to underdeveloped parts of the world such as Africa, where they can make a considerable difference to the quality of life of the recipients.

It costs just £6 per car/pitch and sellers are advised to arrive around 7am to secure their spot, set up and be ready for the ever-eager buyers who will turn out early for an early bargain at 8.30am.

Future car boot sales are scheduled as follows: Sunday June 9, July 14 and August 11 (September 8 is held as a reserve date, in the event of very bad weather). Further enquiries can be directed to the club's email *cowbridge.rotary@yahoo.co.uk.*

St Nicholas WI latest news

ON Thursday, May 2, Vivienne Hayes, vice president, welcomed members and WI adviser Carolyn Davies to St Nicholas WI's annual meeting.

Reports were given by secretary Fran Mitchell and treasurer Carole Saunders, and the president's report was read, highlighting another successful year for St Nicholas WI.

The president thanked both officers for their hard work and support. Thanks were also given to the committee and members for their support during the last year.

Carolyn gave a short talk, followed by voting of a new president for 2019. Janet Hayes was re-elected and the two officers remain the same.

Margaret Banks stepped down from the committee and was thanked for all her hard work as previous secretary and the support given over many years. Janice Webber also stepped down and was thanked for her support. Two new members joined the committee, Lis Fearson and Jacqui Rosser.

A plant sale was held which raised £80, the raffle was won by Carole Saunders and the monthly competition, 'something fishy,' was won by Rosemary Fisher.

The meeting concluded with a fish and chip supper.

The next meeting will be in Bonvilston Reading Room on June 6 at 7pm when the speaker will be Cara from Polka Dot Tea Room. New members are welcome.

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Flight of The Chords at St Mary's Church, Bonvilston

ON May 4 'The Chords', a Cardiff choir, provided a wonderful evening of entertainment at the Reading Room in Bonvilston.

With choral pieces, solos, duets and poetry it really was a great show.

The choir was led by Eirlys Lamb accompanied by Jan Ball. The concert was compered by Nerys Tullis and was held to raise funds for the Norman tower of St Mary's Church, Bonvilston, which is in need of major restoration.

Thanks to all who supported the event. With your help £300 was raised for this worthwhile cause. Thanks also to everyone who baked cakes and provided refreshments for all on the night. Your contribution was very much appreciated.

The LAMBS do like to be beside the seaside!

MEMBERS of LAMBS (Llansannor Ancient and Modern Buildings and Settlements local history group) were taken on a tour of Porthcawl on May 1 by Ceri Joseph.

A warm welcome at Porthcawl Museum, the former dockland police station and jail, was followed by a walk to the seafront, the marina and through the old town.

Armed with old photographs, they compared many current and historical views of the town. They learned about the transition from the initial two villages of Newton and Nottage to the modern Porthcawl through the many industrial, marine and tourist developments where every street name was significant.

Ceri made the story come alive with anecdotes as varied as a dead elephant in an Italian circus, the dubious living arrangements of the three entrepreneurs who developed the extensive harbour and the POW Germans, who flattened the ballast dumps to form the foundations for the funfair.

The visit also included a tour around Porthcawl Museum with displays including a detailed exposition of RAF Stormy Down. The seaside visit was, of course, completed by a fish and chip lunch.

CEB

Ystradowen WI latest news

AT the WI Annual Meeting in May, following a successful previous year, Shena Sarjeant was re-elected as president.

Jan Foyle agreed to stand as vice president and committee members were duly elected and thanked for their hard work. Carolyn Davies and two assistant advisers were in charge of the elections. The evening ended with an excellent fish and chip supper.

The trip to see Calendar Girls was finalised and the summer outing to Chavenage near Tetbury was discussed.

The June meeting is at the Cowbridge Fire Station, when we shall have a tour of the station and a safety presentation. Members please note this meeting will start at 7pm at the fire station, and not in the village hall.

Shena Sarjeant.

Hall is for hire

SITUATED conveniently in the centre of the picturesque medieval village, St Hilary Hall is an ideal venue for hobby groups, exercise activities, children's birthday parties, community events and meetings for up to 60 people.

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If you want to enjoy some refreshment after your event in an award winning and grade II listed thatched pub, the Bush Inn is close by.

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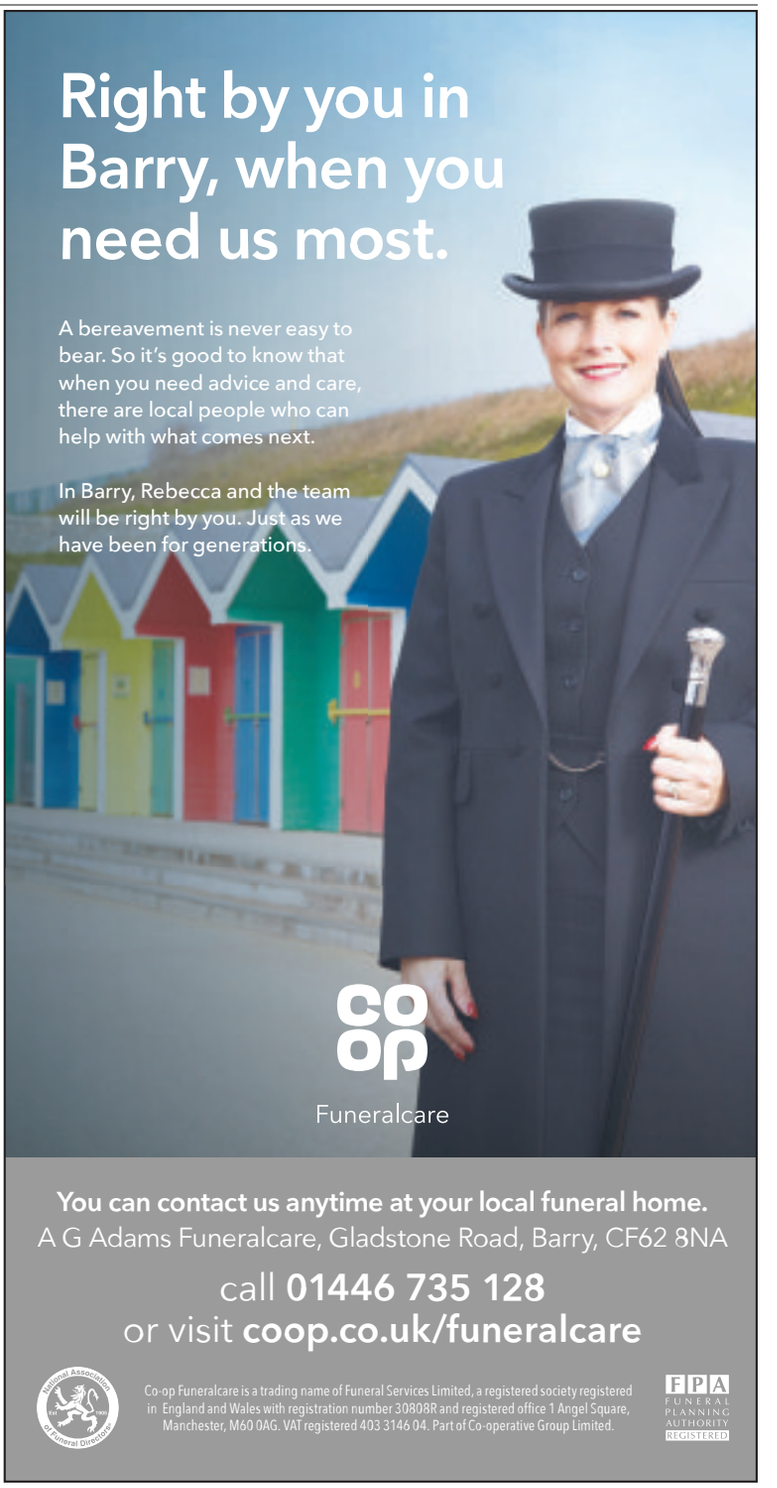
Flower arranger's natural designs

THE Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers were pleasantly entertained at this month's meeting by Linda Garrett from Abergavenny.

Being very much a country person, her beautiful designs were all very natural, and her colour scheme was absolutely charming. Kath Jones gave the vote of thanks and went home very delighted after winning the star arrangement of ivory lilies and pale pink roses.

Our next meeting is an open meeting on June 5 at 7.30pm at the Town Hall. The demonstrator for the evening is Nigel Whyles, his subject being 'Titanic – The Ship of Dreams'. Doors open at 6.30pm; members £5 and non-members £7. All welcome.

JMS



Tractor Boys of Aberthin's Sunday charity run helps two Cowbridge dementia groups

THE Tractor Boys of Aberthin staged a tractor run on Sunday, April 28 with all proceeds from the run being donated to two Cowbridge organisations.

The beneficiaries of the £800 raised on the day are the Memory Jar cafe and Dementia Friendly Cowbridge. The two groups run a day centre on alternate Tuesdays, run by volunteers and based in the United Free Church in Cowbridge to work with people who are having memory problems.

Before the start of the run, a raffle and auction were held which helped swell the total raised on the day.

In excess of 26 tractors left Arthur John's yard and were waved off by a crowd of people including the Mayor of Cowbridge, Terry Williams; Rev Heather Weddell of the United Free Church, volunteers from both Memory Jar and Dementia Friendly Cowbridge including Madeline and Colin Phillips and Liz George.

The route master for the day was Steve Davies and the tail man was Martin Huish. Thankfully, the weather was much improved and the weather was dry and calm.

The tractors covered a route over 30 miles during the day and after leaving Cowbridge, headed through the traffic lights for Primrose Hill before turning down into Aberthin Lane and emerging alongside the Hare and Hounds pub.

The convoy then headed for the finger post, along Moorlands Road to Graig Penllyn, passing through Llansannor and Brigam, before emerging in Llanharry. From here, the route took the tractors into Tylygarw, Coedcae Lane and through the Maelwg forestry and on to Coed Ely.

The tractors then turned right in Coed Ely and travelled over the back lanes past Garth Grabban Farm, joining the Pantybrad Road before bearing left onto Heol Ddu and taking a left turn past Castellau House and on to Pencoedcae.

The route then took the group down the Black Road before a refreshment stop at the Farmers Arms in Church Village. The tractors then progressed to the Ship Inn, Efail Isaf, for lunch.

The tractors then headed past the Caesar's Arms and turned right for Rhiwsaeson before travelling on past Promec and towards Groesfaen. The convoy then headed toward Hensol, moving onto Welsh St Donats and then dropped down Jones's Lane before emerging by the Hare and Hounds pub in Aberthin and back to Arthur John's Yard.

All the old girls completed the run successfully, with the exception of a DB 30D owned by John Thomas falling foul of binding brakes.

The run was a great success and enjoyed by everyone involved. Many thanks to all those who took part, the generosity of David John and family for the use of their facilities, John Hughes Butchers, Pontyclun, for their support; The Ship Inn, Efail Isaf for their fantastic curry and to Liz Fletcher for the use of her farmyard as a car park.

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Family's tribute to A48 crash victim

SOUTH Wales Police has confirmed that the driver of the vehicle involved in a collision near Crack Hill, Bridgend, around midnight on April 30 has since died of his injuries.

He has been named as 26-year-old Thomas Callard-Williams.

His family are currently being supported during this time by a family liaison officer and have issued the following statement;

"Thomas Gregory Callard-Williams was a wonderful young man who was loved by all that he encountered during his life.

"All of Thomas' family and friends take great comfort in the knowledge that his final conscious action was to use his arms to try and protect his passenger, and limit any harm to her. He was a gentleman to the very end. This was our son and brother."

Police continue to appeal for any witnesses, or have any drivers that may have dash-cam footage anyone with information should contact us via 101 quoting occurrence number 1900153216.

AM's visit to Slade Farm

VALE AM Jane Hutt visited Slade Garden as part of the National Garden Scheme Open Day.

Jane Hutt said: "I visited Slade Farm as part of the National Garden Scheme (NGS), opening gardens to the public raising funds for charity. It was a beautiful afternoon with masses of bluebells in the Slade Garden and wood leading down to Dunraven Bay.

"I was delighted to hear that funds were being raised for charities including the Macmillan Cancer Support specialists palliative care unit 'Y Bwythyn' at Royal Glamorgan Hospital."

PACT in the Vale

GIBBONSDOWN 'Cuppa with a Copper' is every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

DYFAN PACT will be held at Highlight Park Community Centre, Barry, on Sunday, May 19 at 7pm.

Meet your local officer at PENARTH Library, Stanwell Road, Penarth on Thursday, May 9 between 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life, but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or see www.south-wales.police.uk for details for your local PCSO to contact them directly for non emergency matters.

Vale cancer survivors set to model at Tenovus fashion show

A 36-year-old mother of two from Llanmaes is joining other cancer survivors and volunteers for the big Tenovus Cancer Care Fashion Event in Cowbridge on May 21.

Llinos Griffin-Williams, an executive producer with Wildflame Productions, is joining a fabulous line-up of models which include Cardiff drag queen Miss Felicia, appearing as himself, Ashley Putland. Tickets for the event, at 6pm at the Duke of Wellington ballroom, cost £5 and are available from the Tenovus shop.

Llinos has two children, Ani (five) and Gwenna (one). She had Hodgkins Lymphoma at 16, and it came back when she was 24.

Llinos, who is currently working on a documentary for Channel 5, said: "Tenovus helps people at their most vulnerable. The work they do makes an incredibly difficult time a little easier. Their work is tremendously important and worthwhile."

Llinos and her youngest daughter, Gwenna.

Llinos's proud mum Beryl, who moved to Cowbridge from north Wales to help her daughter and son-in-law Peter with childcare, will be in the audience, as will many volunteers from the Cowbridge Tenovus shop, to support the models who work there.

Members of the Cardiff North Tenovus choir will also be out in force to support four choir members who are also modelling.

Tim Jeans, Cowbridge shop manager, is delighted with the support from all quarters. He said: "Tesco have supported us with donations for our raffle and the Duke is providing refreshments for the models. Karma Beauty of Cowbridge has donated a £50 gift voucher too. We are very grateful for your support."

The Cowbridge shop is one of the most successful charity shops in the UK. It currently stocks a large range of new Mint Velvet which will be modelled at the event, together with carefully selected vintage and pre-loved fashion from the Tenovus shop.

"We are all so excited, and a little nervous about the event," said Anne Griffiths Jones, who volunteers in the shop.

The Friends are busy at the moment as after the fashion event, they are organising an ice cream and cocktail tasting on June 6 at Fablas Ice Cream Parlour in Cowbridge, tickets £10. This is followed by a bus trip to Chipping Campden and the Labels shopping outlet in Ross on Wye on June 20, cost £25. All tickets are on sale in the Tenovus shop in Cowbridge.

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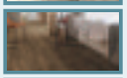
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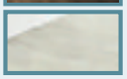
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Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, May 9, there will be a demonstration by watercolourist Graham Hadlow.

On May 16, Cheltenham artist Sheila Bryant will give a demonstration in charcoal.

CAS welcomes artists of any level and visitors for demonstrations or illustrated lectures. The society holds a number of social events and exhibits in various places throughout the year. It meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm–9pm). Further details from the Old Hall or see www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas.

History Society

ON Thursday, May 9 there will be a change of speaker at Penarth Local History Society's advertised programme.

Andrew Kelland will give a talk on TWAM ('Tools With A Mission') at All Saints' Lesser Hall, Penarth at 7.30pm. Admission £2 for non-members.

Dinas Powys Community Cinema will rock you

'BOHEMIAN Rhapsody' (12A) will be shown at Dinas Powys Community Cinema on Saturday, May 11. Rami Malek won the Best Actor Oscar for his role as Freddie Mercury, in this biopic of the singer of Queen.

The cinema can be found at the Murchfield Community Centre, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys CF64 4QQ. There is a licensed bar, with ice cream and other refreshments also on sale. Doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start and all tickets are £4.50. They are available on the door, can be purchased in advance from the DPVC office at the rear of the Community Centre (weekday mornings) or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/murchfieldcommunitycentre.

Handmade Market

BARRY Island Handmade Market will take place at Barry Island Train Station on Sunday, May 12 from 11am – 3pm; loads of lovely handmade gifts!

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Welsh Secretary **ALUN CAIRNS** reports to GEM readers

Amazing research into dementia is being done right here in Wales

IT was fantastic to see so many turn out to support the Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club's May Fair on bank holiday Monday.

The Fair was great fun as always and really brought the whole community together. I want to say huge congratulations and thank you to all those involved and who spent time organising the events throughout the day – you did a brilliant job again this year.

I would also like to thank everyone who supported me through the London Marathon this year. As readers will be aware, I ran my eighth London Marathon at the end of last month to raise money for Dementia Revolution and Guide Dogs.

Once again, I am overwhelmed by your support and generous donations. So far, I am close to reaching £8,000 in donations which will make a huge difference to both charities in the work they do within the Vale.

Following the marathon, I visited the Dementia Research Institute in Cardiff to see where these donations will help to make a difference. I had the opportunity to learn about their groundbreaking research, which is leading the way in the battle against dementia. Researchers at the Institute are making significant progress and continue to explore new ways to find a cure for dementia by discovering genes which contribute to the risk the disease and identifying therapies.

All your donations will go towards supporting the incredible work that these charities do in our community. This includes the amazing research that is underway at the Institute in Cardiff.

Don't forget, you can still contribute to the fund before I hand over the big cheques. If you can, please donate via my fundraising page: *www.virginmoneygiving.com/aluncairns.*

NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH No. 43 PENDOYLAN)
PUBLIC PATH CREATION ORDER 2019

The above Order, made on the 11th April 2019, under Section 26 of the Highways Act 1980, will create a public footpath from Bolgoed Farm, Hensol (NGR 304078 179633) along a track to Fforest Fach Farm, Hensol (NGR 303902 179699), as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

Any representations about or objections to the Order may be sent in writing to the Head of Regeneration and Planning, Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT not later than the 6th June 2019. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Vale of Glamorgan Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed order. If the Order is sent to the Welsh Ministers for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

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DEDDF PRIFFYRDD 1980
GORCHYMYN CREU LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS
(LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS RHIF 43 PENDEULWYN)
CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2019

Bydd y Gorchymyn hwn, a wnaed ar 11 Ebrill 2019, o dan Adran 26 Deddf Priffyrdd 1980, yn creu llwybr cyhoeddus o Fferm Bolgoed, Hensol (CGC 304078 179633) ar hyd trac at Fferm Fforest Fach, Hensol (CGC 303902 179699), fel a nodir ar fap y Gorchymyn.

Mae copi o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn wedi eu gosod a gellir mynd i'w gweld am ddim yn Swyddfa'r Dociau, Heol yr Isfforddd, Y Barri, Bro Morgannwg, CF63 4RT yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Gellir prynu copïau o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn yno am £4.50.

Gellir anfon unrhyw sylwadau am neu wrthwynebiadau i'r Gorchymyn yn ysgrifenedig at y Pennaeth Adfywio a Chynllunio, Swyddfa'r Dociau, Heol yr Isfforddd, Y Barri, Bro Morgannwg, CF63 4RT erbyn 6 Mehefin 2019. Nodwch eich rhesymau dros eu gwneud.

Os na ddaw unrhyw sylwadau na gwrthwynebiadau i law, neu os cânt eu tynnu'n ôl, caiff Cyngor Bro Morgannwg gadarnhau'r Gorchymyn fel un nas gwrthwynebir. Os anfonir y Gorchymyn at Weinidogion Cymru i'w gadarnhau, caiff unrhyw sylwadau neu wrthwynebiadau nas tynnwyd yn ôl eu hanfon gyda'r Gorchymyn.

NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH No. 338 LLANTRISANT)
PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER 2019

The above Order, made on the 11th April 2019, under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980, will extinguish the public footpath running from (NGR 303771 179837) to (NGR 303806 179842) crossing land to the west of Pantaquesta Farm, Hensol as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

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HYSBYSIAD GWNEUD GORCHYMYN
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GORCHYMYN CREU LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS
(LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS RHIF 338 LLANTRISANT)
GORCHYMYN DIDDYMU LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS 2019

Bydd y Gorchymyn uchod, a wnaed ar 11 Ebrill 2019, o dan Adran 118 Deddf Priffyrdd 1980, yn diddymu'r llwybr cyhoeddus sy'n rhedeg o (CGC 303771 179837) i (CGC 303806 179842) gan groesi tir i'r gorllewin o Fferm Pantaquesta, Hensol, fel a nodir ar fap y Gorchymyn.

Mae copi o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn wedi eu gosod a gellir mynd i'w gweld am ddim yn Swyddfa'r Dociau, Heol yr Isfforddd, Y Barri, Bro Morgannwg, CF63 4RT yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Gellir prynu copïau o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn yno am £4.50.

Gellir anfon unrhyw sylwadau am neu wrthwynebiadau i'r Gorchymyn yn ysgrifenedig at y Pennaeth Adfywio a Chynllunio, Swyddfa'r Dociau, Heol yr Isfforddd, Y Barri, Bro Morgannwg, CF63 4RT erbyn 6 Mehefin 2019. Nodwch eich rhesymau dros eu gwneud.

Os na ddaw unrhyw sylwadau na gwrthwynebiadau i law, neu os cânt eu tynnu'n ôl, caiff Cyngor Bro Morgannwg gadarnhau'r Gorchymyn fel un nas gwrthwynebir. Os anfonir y Gorchymyn at Weinidogion Cymru i'w gadarnhau, caiff unrhyw sylwadau neu wrthwynebiadau nas tynnwyd yn ôl eu hanfon gyda'r Gorchymyn.

NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH No. 336 LLANTRISANT,
PUBLIC FOOTPATH No. 339 LLANTRISANT,
PUBLIC FOOTPATH No. 36 PENDOYLAN AND
PUBLIC FOOTPATH No. 37 PENDOYLAN)
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2019

The above Order, made on the 11th April 2019, under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, will divert the following public footpaths; No.336 Llantrisant running from Coed Gellihir Isaf (NGR 303718 180266) to the parish boundary west of Pantaquesta Farm (NGR 303771 179837) to a line running from Coed Gellihir Isaf (NGR 303718 180266) to the parish boundary (NGR 303811 179835), No.339 Llantrisant running from Pantaquesta Farm (NGR 304003 179902) to the adopted highway (NGR 304371 180027) to a line running from south of Pantaquesta Farm (NGR 304057 179801) to the adopted highway (NGR 304384 179963), No.36 Pendoylan running from north-west of Cefn Llys (NGR 303947 179528) to Fforest Fach Farm (NGR 303641 179760) to a line running from north-west of Cefn Llys (NGR 303947 179528) to Fforest Fach Farm (NGR 303641 179760) and No.37 Pendoylan running from Fforest Fach Farm (NGR 303764 179759) to the parish boundary (NGR 303771 179837) to a line running from the access road leading to Fforest Fach Farm (NGR 303902 176699) to the parish boundary (NGR 303811 179835), as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

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Dated this 9th May 2019

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LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS RHIF 36 PENDEULWYN A
LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS RHIF 37 PENDEULWYN)
CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2019

Bydd y Gorchymyn uchod, a wnaethpwyd ar 11 Ebrill 2019, dan Adran 119 Deddf Priffyrdd 1980, yn gwyro'r llwybrau cerdded cyhoeddus canlynol; Rhif 336 Llantrisant sy'n rhedeg o Goed Gellihir Isaf (NGR 303718 180266) hyd at y terfyn plwyf i'r gorllewin o Fferm Pantaquesta (NGR 303771 179837) i linell sy'n rhedeg o Goed Gellihir Isaf (NGR 303718 180266) i'r terfyn plwyf (NGR 303811 179835), Rhif 339 Llantrisant sy'n rhedeg o Fferm Pantaquesta (NGR 304003 179902) i'r briffordd fabwysiedig (NGR 304371 180027) i linell sy'n rhedeg o'r de o Fferm Pantaquesta (NGR 304057 179801) i'r briffordd fabwysiedig (NGR 304384 179963), Rhif 36 Pendeulwyn sy'n rhedeg o'r gogledd-orllewin o Gefn Llys (NGR 303947 179528) i Fferm Fforest Fach (NGR 303641 179760) i linell sy'n rhedeg o'r gogledd-orllewin o Gefn Llys (NGR 303947 179528) i Fferm Fforest Fach (NGR 303641 179760) a Rhif 37 Pendeulwyn sy'n rhedeg o Fferm Fforest Fach (NGR 303764 179759) i'r terfyn plwyf (NGR 303771 179837) i linell sy'n rhedeg o'r ffordd fynediad sy'n arwain at Fferm Fforest Fach (NGR 303902 176699) i'r terfyn plwyf (NGR 303811 179835), fel y dangosir ar fap y Gorchymyn.

Mae copi o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn wedi eu gosod a gellir mynd i'w gweld am ddim yn Swyddfa'r Dociau, Heol yr Isfforddd, Y Barri, Bro Morgannwg, CF63 4RT yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Gellir prynu copïau o'r Gorchymyn a map y Gorchymyn yno am £4.50.

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Os na ddaw unrhyw sylwadau na gwrthwynebiadau i law, neu os cânt eu tynnu'n ôl, caiff Cyngor Bro Morgannwg gadarnhau'r Gorchymyn fel un nas gwrthwynebir. Os anfonir y Gorchymyn at Weinidogion Cymru i'w gadarnhau, caiff unrhyw sylwadau neu wrthwynebiadau nas tynnwyd yn ôl eu hanfon â'r Gorchymyn.

Dyddiad 9 Mai 2019

Cowbridge woman selected as MEP candidate for Change UK

COWBRIDGE resident and local business owner Sally Stephenson has been selected to stand as an MEP candidate for Change UK in the European Parliamentary elections on May 23.

Sally Stephenson

She said: "Over 3,700 people applied to be Change UK MEP candidates, so I am thrilled to be one of the four candidates for Wales."

"Like many people, I am fed up with the mess this country is in. The traditional two party system – and the politicians within it – has failed us. We desperately need to change the way we do politics in the UK.

"I joined Change UK because they wanted people like me, who have never been in politics before, local people with real life experience who understand the issues facing this country, to help sort things out."

Penarth man selected as Green MEP candidate

THE Wales Green Party has chosen a Penarth man as the party's lead candidate in the forthcoming European Parliament elections.

Anthony Slaughter with Caroline Lucas.

Anthony Slaughter is the current leader of the party in Wales and has been involved in Green politics for over a decade. He has been an election candidate in many elections at every level including Parliamentary, Welsh Assembly and local authority.

Mr Slaughter works as a garden designer and has long been engaged with a community-based environmental group Gwyrddio Penarth Greening. This involvement has included initiatives such as establishing a community orchard, a local food festival and promoting sustainable public transport.

He said: "Not only are we the party that has always been committed to remaining in the EU and consistently supported a People's Vote on any final Brexit deal, but a vote for the Greens in this election is also a vote for the only party that truly recognises the urgent priority for bold action on the accelerating climate emergency and the need for major economic transformation of our profoundly unequal society."

Supporting older people

GVS is pleased to announce a funding opportunity for voluntary organisations which work with older people in the Vale.

The Third Sector Preventative Interventions Fund opened for applications on May 7.

The revenue-only fund aims to support proposals which improve the quality of life for older people in the Vale, by ensuring that opportunities are put in place locally to promote health and wellbeing and independence.

The overall aim is for older people to remain living in, and engaging with, their communities for as long as they wish.

GVS is looking to support proposals for new or additional services which respond to a need or a particular problem and maximise the impact of preventative services.

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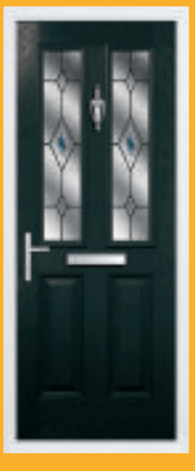

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Vale Photographic Club news

LEFT:
Nick Craddock's 'Scottish Wildcat' photo won the digital section of the competition.

A LOT has happened at the Vale Photographic Club since the last article, not least of which is that the club is now meeting in the new and improved Ystradowen Village Hall, complete with new parking bays.

During April, the club held the annual Vale Cider Cup, sponsored by Vale Cider, in a competition between Bridgend Photographic Club and the Vale.

This was the third of the competitions, with the first taken soundly by the Vale Club, the second a draw and the third going to Bridgend, so honours are even for next year's event.

On April 26, the club held its sixth internal competition of the year with some truly remarkable prints.

The colour print section was won by Pam Lewis with her image of a cheetah, the mono section was won by Mike Davies with his frightening 'Cold Stare' image of a vulture and the digital section was won by Nick Craddock with his image of a Scottish wildcat.

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Local runners celebrate finishing London Marathon

LOCAL runners Ben Butler-Madden and Gareth Poston celebrated crossing the finish line at the London Marathon on Sunday with Vale MP Alun Cairns.

Local running clubs competing included Major Milers, Seriously Mad Runners (SMR) and Penarth & Dinas Runners, all making the trip to London in support.

Ben ran the 26-mile course in an impressive two hours and 32 minutes, while Gareth wasn't far behind, completing it in two hours and 49 minutes, with both achieving their personal best times.

Mr Cairns finished in three hours and 45 minutes, which he claimed was a creditable time, given his age disadvantage!

After the Marathon, Mr Cairns met his fellow runners from the Vale for a drink to celebrate their achievements, which including local runner Bethan Apglyn, who was there to support them. They are all regular participants in the Barry Island Parkrun.

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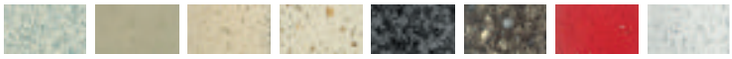

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Youngsters put care home residents in hot seat for 'inter-generational' project

A CARDIFF care home helped bring generations together on a project with The Prince's Trust this week.

Young people aged between 16 and 19, who are being supported by the youth charity to help get them into work, visited Tŷ Llandaff, a private nursing, residential and respite care home in Conway Road, Pontcanna, to meet residents who grew up in the area.

The teenagers were filmed interviewing the residents to find out exactly what it was like living in Cardiff and how the city has changed over the years. The short films were displayed as part of an art exhibition about 'intergeneration' at the Stadium Plaza in the main atrium which has recently been refurbished.

The youngsters had their questions prepared in advance and enjoyed listening to the answers from the residents who shared lots of stories and funny anecdotes with them.

Tŷ Llandaff activities coordinator Melanie Geoghegan said: "We are proud of all our residents at Tŷ Llandaff and proud of the young people in our community. We were delighted to work with The Prince's Trust on this intergeneration project and hope this will be the first of many partnerships between us.

"It was fantastic for the young people to come in and interview the residents, talk to the staff, and discover what our home is all about! We hope it has provided them with some valuable experience which will help them on the path to successful careers. We took the residents to see the short film at the Stadium Plaza and they absolutely loved it."

For more information about the Tŷ Llandaff contact 02920 600 100, email info@tyllandaffcare.com or visit www.tyllandaffcare.com.

Vale Council reveals cost of consultants

HUNDREDS of thousands of pounds of taxpayers' cash in the Vale has been used on external consultants.

The Vale Council has revealed it spent £378,000 on 47 external consultants over the past two financial years.

They were used by the council's central education teams, social services, housing, planning, finance, IT and neighbourhood services such as highways, rubbish collection and public transport.

Council leader John Thomas said the council's spend on external consultants – totalling £230,000 in 2017-18 and £148,000 in 2018-19 – was "good value for money".

He told a full council meeting on May 1: "Consultants are expensive but they do fill gaps where this council has not got the manpower to carry out the studies and the work necessary.

"Although it's a lot of money, in the scheme of things if we employed people to carry out all that work and they had been employed 365 days of the year it would cost us a lot more."

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

Barry local history event

DISCOVER Barry's colourful history at Barry Library with a talk and tour with Nick Hodges.

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Sarah's '42 at 42' marathon

SARAH Miles, managing director of With Music In Mind, took on the London Marathon on April 28 in aid of Tŷ Hafan.

The race took place on her 42nd birthday so she raised funds under the tagline '42 at 42' – 42km at the age of 42.

Sarah said: "I am absolutely delighted to have finished the race and to have raised around £3,000 for Tŷ Hafan Children's Hospice, and the money is still coming in! The work that they do for children with life-limiting conditions and their families is phenomenal and it's been a real privilege to support such a worthwhile cause."

After a 16-weeks of gruelling training, Sarah thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Her goal was to run it within 5 hours, and she came in at 4 hours 48 minutes, beating her previous time of 4 hours and 55 minutes 15 years ago.

The money that Sarah raised was via a VirginMoneyGiving page, sponsorship forms, collection boxes, a concert by Indigo May, and a non-uniform day and competition at Y Bont Faen Primary School.

Sarah Miles completed the London Marathon with a personal best.

"A huge thank you to everyone who has supported me in this venture, including Meinir Tuckey and Julie Kench from Indigo May whose concert raised £787 and Y Bont Faen Primary School, whose non-uniform day raised £212.50.

"The amazing Mrs Hayman organised a 'design a t-shirt logo' competition and the winner of the competition, Imogen from year-5, designed a delightful poster that was printed onto my running vest. The emotional support of family and friends through the training was fantastic, I couldn't have done it without them."

Imogen with her winning logo design.

Cardiff Airport reaches 1.6 million mark

OVER the 12 months from May 1, 2018, to April 30, 2019, more than 1.6 million passengers have flown through Cardiff Airport, reflecting an increase of seven per cent on the previous year, making it the busiest year since 2009.

Passenger growth for the month of April was up 20 per cent versus the same month last year, with Cardiff Airport welcoming a total of 126,399. Passenger numbers at Cardiff Airport have grown by over 60 per cent since the Welsh Government purchased the airport in 2013.

An airport spokesperson said that growth in April was due to a number of factors:

• Low-cost carrier Ryanair added new services to Barcelona and Malta, complementing its existing flights to Faro and Tenerife. The airline will also launch flights to Malaga in June.

• Thomas Cook added a larger A321 aircraft to its base at Cardiff and started its summer schedule earlier, adding a new route to Enfidha (Tunisia).

• Qatar Airways operated its first April service at Cardiff, as it neared the first anniversary of connecting Wales and the south west via its hub in Doha.

• TUI added extra cruise flights to Barbados during April. The airline has also launched new routes to Naples, Dubrovnik and Hurghada for summer 2019.

Deb Barber, CEO at Cardiff Airport said: "We are delighted to have reached this passenger milestone after what has been a transformational 12 months and our busiest period in over 10 years.

"2019 is set to be another exciting year and we look forward to a busy summer season."

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Drinking fountains to be installed across the Vale

OVER the upcoming weeks, The Vale Council will be installing drinking fountains on various popular sites across the Vale, at a cost of £40,000, aiming to reduce the use of disposable plastic bottles.

A council spokesperson said: "The free bottle filling stations will provide both an environmentally and economically friendly alternative to buying bottled water.

"It also comes as part of the council's improvements to outdoor spaces. Many of the areas have recently been upgraded, with some offering outdoor sports, gym and play facilities. The council hopes that the fountains will bring the spaces together, while also encouraging visitors to stay hydrated during their activities."

A total of 14 units will be installed, either alone or in pairs on the following sites:

Barry: Central Park, Knap Gardens, Romilly Park, Upper Gladstone Gardens, Barry Island Promenade.

The state-of-the-art drinking fountains are to be installed in areas with high visitor numbers.

Penarth: New Cogan Leisure Centre Skate Park, Cliff Walk, Penarth Seafront.

St Athan: Lougher Place.

Dinas Powys: The Murch or Bryn y Don Playing Fields.

Ogmore-By-Sea: Main Car Park.

In 2014, fountains of the same type were installed in Belle Vue Park, the first of their kind in the UK, that boast a triple tier fountain with bottle filling facility, disabled access and adaptations for dogs. Five years on, the fountains are well-maintained and have been deemed a great success. The units are extremely hard-wearing and with appropriate maintenance, should last 25-30 years.

The director of environment and housing, Miles Punter said : "This is a fantastic incentive to ensure people of all ages stay hydrated over the summer, especially in areas where they are being encouraged to get active."

Some units will be installed in forthcoming weeks, while others are earmarked for projects which will be completed later this year.

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Topstak-sponsored charity wing walker Vicky raises funds for MS

A TOPSTAK-sponsored charity wing walk has raised more than £1,400 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Vicky Jones from Gower was diagnosed with the disease six years ago and succeeded in raising both funds and awareness with her wing walk on April 25.

Vicky said: "I was totally delighted and exhilarated with the experience of wing walking. Until my diagnosis, I was always a busy person, a 100mph person; now I struggle to get up and dressed and the simplest of tasks takes me so long and tires me greatly. Succeeding in the wing walk feels like such a huge achievement."

Kath Foot, who runs the south Wales MS Society fundraising group added: "Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological condition that affects the nerves. You get it when your immune system isn't working properly.

"Your immune system normally protects you by fighting off infection, but in MS it attacks your nerves by mistake. The symptoms are different in each person and it is a notoriously difficult disease to diagnose.

"As there can be relatively little outward indication of MS, it can be easy to underestimate how profoundly this disease affects people. At present, there is no cure for MS, but with increased funds we hope to gain a better understanding of the disease, and ultimately find a cure."

Adam Pedersen, director of family-run firm Topstak, said: "We were delighted to be able to support this worthwhile cause. It was very brave of Vicky to do a wing walk and we are full of admiration for her. Our sponsorship means that all the money she raised can now go to the MS Society, furthering this worthwhile cause."

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Penarth school's Taff Trail Challenge will help pupils

YSGOL y Deri is encouraging people to join, help marshal or sponsor those taking part in an epic bike ride – the Taff Trail Challenge – that it is organising on Saturday, May 18.

Over the last five years around £28,000 has been raised, allowing the school to buy specially-made bikes for wheelchair users and standard bicycles. They are a very well-used resource in the school and provide amazing experiences for pupils.

Teachers teach students to cycle safely, improve their motor skills and use cycling as a way of calming before learning.

Each bike is made to order and caters specifically for an individual's needs and for this reason, they cost around £6,000 each.

A school spokesperson said: "Come along and join us at this event on Saturday, May 18. All riders have the option of starting the ride in Brecon, Merthyr or Nantgarw, so there is a route to suit riders of all abilities. Riders travel along a fully signposted and marshalled route that finishes at Ysgol y Deri in Penarth.

"There will be a bus leaving the school with bikes and riders aboard to get everyone to their start points and for all of those involved (including spectators) there is a party and barbecue at the finish line."

If you would like to sign up to ride and raise money for this worthwhile cause, search online for the 'Ysgol y Deri Taff Trail Challenge 2019' or follow the link to *www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ysgol-y-deri-taff-trail-challenge-2019-tickets-58154792550?aff=eac2.*

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Rogen and Theron's Long Shot hits the target

SINCE Seth Rogen announced himself on the big screen in 2005's *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*, **he has gone on to show many facets of his ability, whether it's straight-ahead comedies, dramas and even a stab at a superhero film (2011's** *The Green Hornet*).

Rogen's latest film sees him star alongside Charlize Theron in *Long Shot*, where Rogen plays Fred Flarsky, a journalist who stumbles upon his first crush Charlotte Field – one of the most influential women in the world.

As she prepares to make a run for the Presidency, Charlotte hires Fred as her speechwriter and sparks fly between the two – but can their two worlds co-exist?

A romantic comedy is a difficult thing to get right; after all, not only are there so many out there, but also we're well aware of the rules of the genre, which often makes the journey to the end credits something pretty predictable.

While *Long Shot* doesn't rip up the rule book, it does do enough to make for an uproariously funny and sweet offering, one that gains no end of goodwill thanks to the smarts of the performances and the writing.

It helps that the set up isn't a familiar one, and it also allows the cast to play their roles perfectly. Seth Rogen is a natural comedian, a warm presence on which to anchor your film, and while his character doesn't wildly diverge from the type of roles he's played before in films of this ilk, he has enough winning charm to make him hugely likeable.

Charlize Theron may not be noted for comedy, but has worked with some top comedy directors and has yet to disgrace herself (we'll gloss over Seth McFarlane's *A Million Ways To Die In The West*), and while she has the straight role here, seeing her cut loose and share a great chemistry with Rogen makes the film all the more satisfying.

The pair's journey from old friends rekindling an association to love may carry some well-worn tropes, but the situations they find themselves in and the way they are presented means you won't be left feeling overly familiar, Dan Sterling and Liz Hannah's script making sure of that.

There's a robust backbone to the love plot which sees the impact of global media on politics and our perceptions of those in the public eye that beef up moments where the comedy naturally sags. It's more *Veep* than *The American President* in tone (and I mean that as a compliment to both), but it balances the laughs with a some slightly more serious moments that speak to the modern world.

Jonathan Levine's filmography has been somewhat stop-start, every *The Wackness* leavened by a *Snatched*, but he shows confidence here that highlights how good he can be. Having worked with Rogen twice before (in cancer dramedy *50/50* and 2015's *The Night Before*), it's clear that the pair share an easy chemistry, but Levine's strength is drawing strong turns not just from the central pair but also the likes of June Diane Raphael's flinty assistant, O'Shea Jackson, as Fred's best friend and Bob Odenkirk, as the incumbent President who wants to make the leap into movies.

The film does a stumble (as the majority of these films do) around the two-thirds stage, as plot contrivance means the laughs are swapped for emotion before the big climax, while the ending feels a little wrapped in a bow and doesn't quite have the same realism that the film has striven for from the get-go.

That said, given a laugh count that you don't normally find in a rom-com and some charming and hilarious performances from the cast, *Long Shot* hits the target in a film that is well worth your attention.

VERDICT: Seth Rogen and Charlize Theron make for a great pairing in *Long Shot*, a romantic comedy that does enough to pull away from genre type to make it a wholly worthwhile watch. Great performance, a script with one foot in the real world from Dan Sterling and Liz Hannah and Jonathan Levine's strong direction make this a huge success. *Recommended*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKE: *Veep* (2012), *Knocked Up* (2007).

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Classic cars in Cardiff

ON Sunday, May 19, South Wales Classic Car Club, recently voted as one of the top 10 classic car clubs in the UK by readers of Practical Classics magazine, will be presenting their 34th annual classic car show at Cardiff City Football Stadium car park, off Leckwith Road, Cardiff, the fifth event at this venue.

The club, which was formed in 1983, has presented an annual show since 1985 and has donated over £200,000 to local charities.

The show is organised by members of the club with no outside sponsorship. Visitors are sure to have an enjoyable day out, with their attendance benefiting local charitable organisations.

Anyone with an interest in classic cars, whether they own one or not, is welcome to attend a regular club night at Pontyclun Athletic Club, Castan Road, Pontyclun. For further information, visit swccc.net or contact Chris Lewis on 01446 796601.

Discover the Vale Walking Festival as it celebrates its 10th birthday

WITH the Vale looking its stunning best this month, the Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival launches a magical programme to celebrate its 10th year.

Organised by Valeways, the walking charity, the festival runs from May 21-26 and its theme is 'Discovery'.

The Vale has been called the UK's best kept secret. Explore those secrets close up when you join this year's programme of expertly guided walks.

Festival highlights include a trek round the thrilling terrain of Dunraven, with its tipsy cliffs and golden sands (iconic location site for Doctor Who); you can follow the footsteps of maverick Welsh historian Iolo Morgannwg; revisit the pretty village of Llancarfan with its famous medieval wall-paintings, and do some sleuthing around Victorian Barry Docks, exploring its murky history of murder, stabbings and ladies of the night.

Dates and details of all 28 free walks can be found at http://valeofglamorganwalkingfestival.org.uk or call 01446 749000.

Quiz and fair for Cancer Research UK

PENARTH committee for Cancer Research UK will be holding two summer events – a charity quiz night and a summer fair.

The quiz night will be at Penarth Conservative Club on Friday, June 14, doors open at 7pm and the first question at 7.30pm, with up to six people per team.

Contact the committee to register interest by email crukpenarth@outlook.com or by calling 02920 531933. The cost is £5 per head, which will include nibbles. There is also a bar and a raffle.

The second event is a summer fair at Penarth Conservative Club on Saturday, July 6, from 10am until 12 noon. Entry will be £1, which will include tea, coffee and biscuits. There will be the usual selection of stalls including home-made cakes, preserves and plants.

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TV's Weatherman Walking strolls through Porthcawl

WALES' favourite weatherman, Derek Brockway, is wrapping up his latest series of Weatherman Walking with a stroll to Southerndown from Porthcawl (Friday, May 17).

The eight-part series saw Derek hike along beautiful stretches of the 870-mile Welsh Coastal Path.

In the last episode, the meteorologist and rambler will embark on an 11-mile trek from the Porthcawl lighthouse. Derek calls in to the Coastwatch station to give local sailors a weather forecast before joining the lifeboat crew next door in a timed drill before carrying on along the coast.

His walk takes in Trecco Bay and Newtown beach before he crosses the Merthyr Mawr dunes, where he attempts some sand sledging. He then goes on to Ogmore to give his legs a rest by exploring the local landscape from horseback.

After joining a sea angler and trying his hand at fishing from the rocks, he embarks on the final section of his stroll. Accompanied by members of the Welsh Women Walking group, Derek draws the series to a close on Dunraven Beach in Southerndown.

Derek said: "This walk isn't too far for me to travel and I really enjoyed this one, as it took in the village of Merthyr Mawr and its thatched cottages. Visiting the dunes felt like being transported to another planet and I had a lot of fun sledging down the highest dune known as the 'Big Dipper'. The walk had a lot of variety and it was lovely to end on the beach looking out over the Bristol Channel."

Weatherman Walking can be seen next Friday (17 May, BBC One Wales, 7.30pm) or catch up on BBC iPlayer where maps of all Derek's walks can be downloaded.

Valeways walks

ON Friday, May 10 at 10am 'The Valley of the Stags' starting at The Six Bells, Penmark CF62 3BP.

On Sunday, May 12 at 2pm 'Around Llantwit Beach 2', starting at Llantwit Major beach car park.

On Wednesday, May 15 at 10.30am the Barry Coffee Shop Strollers meet at Bron y Mor car park, Cold Knap.

Also on Wednesday, May 15 at 2.30pm the Cowbridge Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Physic Garden fountain, Cowbridge.

On Thursday, May 16 at 2.30pm, Penarth Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the cliff top car park.

Barry power station set to be demolished

A POWER station in the Vale is a step closer to being demolished after more than two decades in operation.

Barry Power Station stopped running on March 31 after its owner Centrica failed to secure a new contract to continue supplying electricity, which would have allowed the site to keep operating.

Centrica has now told the Vale Council it intends to demolish much of the site in Sully Moors Road, Sully including the 60m high stack, above ground installations, turbine hall, administration block, water treatment tank and oil tanks.

The 230MW gas fired power station had been running since September 1998 and up until its closure, had been supplying the National Grid when required on a short term contract.

After failing to secure another contract for the site, Centrica deemed Barry Power Station no longer commercially viable.

Barry Power Station had launched a consultation with staff on the planned closure last year and 19 jobs were put at risk.

In a statement to the council, the company said: "Centrica has worked extensively to explore options to retain the power plant as a part of the Centrica Power Plant portfolio. However, competition with newer, more efficient and flexible assets, has meant that the site has unfortunately reached the end of its viable life and Centrica have not managed to find an operational, or commercially viable, solution to retain this asset.

"Centrica ceased operations at the site on March 31, when all commercial obligations concluded; and are proposing to undertake demolition work to return the site to an appropriate condition."

Demolition works are expected to start by the summer and last for up to eight months.

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

Community Fund donation gives Scouts spring in their step

THE 1st Dinas Powys Scout Group has become one of the first recipients of a new community initiative in south Wales.

The group has received £1,000 from the Barratt and David Wilson Homes Community Fund, which donates £1,000 each month to a charity or organisation which improves the quality of life for those living in the region.

Daniel Davies, chairman of 1st Dinas Powys Scout Group said the donation would be of huge assistance for the group and really boosts recognition of its activities and team efforts.

He said: "It is great to see a business supporting the local community which will help us complete our Scout hall with new disabled facilities, kitchen and function rooms. We have secured the main funding for the building work and this donation will help contribute to complete the final fit-out work."

Steve Williams, managing director of Barratt Homes in south Wales, said: "Being able to support organisations like this is one of the most rewarding parts of what we do."

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Ysgol Bro Morgannwg pupils win prizes at Art eisteddfod

SEVEN pupils from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg - both primary and secondary, were successful at the arts and crafts competition at the county level of Eisteddfod yr Urdd.

The pupils who were awarded the prizes from the secondary were Mali Rhys-Dillon (year-9) and Osian-Wyn Perkins-Rudge (year-8).

From the primary were Lowri Thomas, Seren Thomas, Steffan Phillips, Taliesin Griffiths and Meagan Phillips. This year, the pupils reacted to the title 'Bwrlwm', which translates to 'hustle and bustle'. The whole school got creative as altogether, they enjoyed eight first prizes, four second prizes and and six third place.

They will now go on to compete at national level. All award-winning works will be displayed at the National Eisteddfod yr Urdd which will be held in Cardiff Bay.

The Eisteddfod will run from May 27 to June 1 with free entry to the stalls, and tickets for the pavilion on sale at www.urdd.cymru/en/eisteddfod/eisteddfod-2019/tickets/.

Council Leader sets date for departure

A NEW leader of the Vale Council could be appointed on May 20, it has been announced.

Council leader John Thomas was deposed as leader of the Vale Conservatives by Cllr Vincent Bailey following a party annual general meeting this week.

Cllr Thomas, who has already said he will step down, told a full council meeting on May 1 that he intends to stay on as leader until the new one has been appointed – which may be at the council's annual general meeting on May 20.

The outgoing leader said he was "disappointed" he did not have the support of the Conservative group but that he had led the group to the best of his ability.

He said it had "not been easy" to protect council services amid cuts to local government funding.

Delivering what promises to be his final speech as leader to full council, Cllr Thomas said he "did not take up the position of leader to be popular or further my own political ambitions" but instead to ensure Vale residents get the "best possible services".

"It would be easy to make decisions based on what the vocal minority may say in order secure votes in the next election. But what we must remember is many more vulnerable members of our society who rely on our services more than most do not have a voice, and probably many of them do not use their vote."

Cllr Thomas thanked councillors of all parties for "putting the residents of the Vale of Glamorgan first."

The leaders of Labour, Plaid Cymru and Llantwit First thanked Cllr Thomas for his work as leader and described him as "co-operative".

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

Teaching the teachers is inspiring the leaders of tomorrow

St Cyres School assistant headteacher Robert Bruton (left) and headteacher Dr Jonathan Hicks.

ST Cyres School, Penarth is a finalist in the Vocational Qualification (VQ) Awards 2019.

The school introduced the Higher Level Apprenticeship in Leadership and Management for its teaching staff in 2016, and its efforts have been recognised by making the final.

The school has enrolled a total of 20 learners, with a number going on to secure promotions as a direct result of the improved knowledge and understanding gained through the programme.

Dr Jonathan Hicks, headteacher said: "By investing in staff learning and development, the benefits have filtered through the school. As such, motivation and passion for learning has been infectious for our students.

"As a school, we actively encourage our aspiring leaders to undertake vocational qualifications and we positively promote parity of esteem between academic and vocational learning.

"As a learning organisation, we are passionate about empowering staff, not just enabling the modelling of learning to pupils, but growing learning leadership.

"We are delighted to be shortlisted for this year's VQ Awards."

The school has worked closely with Portal Training and Gwawr Booth, managing director of the company, said: "The school promotes a culture of distributed leadership. This is proving to have an impact upon their whole school improvement plan."

The winners will be announced on May 15. The awards are jointly organised by the Welsh Government, the National Training Federation for Wales (NTfW), ColegauCymru/CollegesWales, Qualifications Wales and

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HQ2 The Salon celebrate move to High Street

HQ2 The Salon recently held a launch party to celebrate their move to 11 High Street, Barry.

A spokesperson said: "What a huge success our launch party was. We would like to thank all our lovely clients who came and supported us! We feel very lucky that after 18 years we still have the support of our amazing clients.

"Also a huge thank you goes to our team at HQ2 – Lucy, Kate, Mollie and Georgia – for helping us make HQ2 such a success!"

What's on, and where?

AM surgery

JANE Hutt AM will hold an advice surgery at the CAB Offices, Barry, CF62 7TZ on Saturday, May 11 from 10am-11am; no appointment necessary.

Llantwit Repair Cafe

THE Repair Cafe will be back in Llantwit Major Saturday, May 11 from 10am until noon in Bethel church hall.

New this month we will be offering free safety checks for bicycles, both for children and adults, in readiness for good cycling weather over the summer. Our team of volunteers have already been challenged with a wide range of portable household items, so please feel free to challenge us some more, while we have a cafe alongside with refreshments! We do not charge to fix an item, unless replacement parts are needed. Hope to see you there.

Councillors' surgery

CLLRS Andrew RT Davies and Gordon Kemp will hold a surgery on Saturday, May 11 between 11am and 12pm at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose. No appointment necessary.

Dementia Friends coffee morning

LLANTWIT Major Dementia Friends are holding their inaugural coffee morning from 10.30am to 12 noon on Saturday, May 11 at Llantonian Hall.

The group are setting out to make Llantwit Major a dementia friendly town through offering support and training to residents, businesses and community groups.

Barry RNLI MAYDAY!

COME along and see us on the promenade at Barry Island and help #savelivesatsea!

Fun for all the family on Sunday, May 12 from 11am – 5pm; free entry with eco-friendly stalls, games, food, choir, brass band, and an exercise by the Barry Lifeboat.

Try paddle boarding or sea rowing! Meet some of the RNLI crew and our mascot Stormy Stan - an event not to be missed!

Plant sale

LLANMAES village host their annual Plant Sale in the village hall on Sunday, May 12 from 11am to 3pm.

A variety of bedding plants, shrubs, annuals, perennials, hanging baskets and vegetables at competitive prices; delicious cream teas and raffle.

Plant donations gratefully received - contact Jackie Wright on 07976 698325/01446 796605 or at jackievewright@gmail.com.

Highlight Park cuppa

HIGHLIGHT Park Cuppa will be open from 2.30pm-3.30pm on Monday, May 13 in the Highlight Park Community Centre.

Everyone is welcome to take the opportunity to call in, meet new friends and have a pleasant social hour.

Penarth Civic Society

THE society is holding an event on Thursday, May 16 at St Augustine's Hall at 7pm: Dr Jonathan Hicks on 'The Penarth VCs - Wain Pearce and Gibson'.

Military historian and St Cyres School headteacher Dr Jonathan Hicks, author of several books on Wales and the First World War, tells the stories behind Penarth's three Victoria Cross winners. Captain Richard Wain won his commanding tanks at the Battle of Cambrai in 1917. Sergeant Samuel Pearse was awarded the VC for bravery in north Russia in 1919. Both of these were awarded posthumously. Wing Commander Guy Gibson won his for leading the famous 'Dambusters' raid in 1943. This is an illustrated talk, free to members, £2 for non-members.

Advice at Age Connects

ARE you disabled or have difficulty accessing public transport?

Greenlinks Community Transport in the Vale offers door to door service and has four accessible mini buses which are disabled friendly. It also offers weekly 'on demand' on certain services. Why not come along on Tuesday, May 14 from 10am to 12 noon for free advice?

Legal advice

A free legal advice session will take place on Will making, Power of Attorney and Living Wills with an advisor from a legal team based in Barry on Tuesday, May 14 from 10am to 12 noon.

Care and repair

Are you a homeowner or private tenant living in the Vale and need advice or support on repairs or home improvements to make life easier?

Care and Repair Cardiff and Vale help older homeowners and private tenants adapt and maintain their homes, give advice on grants available and supply information on reputable companies to use.

A drop-in information session takes place on Tuesday, May 14 from 10am to 12 noon.

All sessions take place at the Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop at 38, Holton Road, Barry. No appointments needed. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

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Journalism Matters

13th - 19th May 2019

Why 'Journalism matters' in a world where fake news and misinformation needs to be reined in...

ONCE again this year, The GEM is proud to take part in a week that highlights the contribution made to society by local newspapers.

Readers with good memories will probably remember 'Local Newspaper Week' but this year, the News Media Association (NMA) has announced that the annual event will now be known as 'Journalism Matters' – to highlight the role that local newspapers can play in an increasingly fragmented news agenda.

'Journalism matters' will take place between May 13 and May 19, and will include the Society of Editors Regional Press Awards, at which the annual 'Making a Difference' award for the best local newspaper campaign, as voted for by the public, will be announced.

NMA chairman David Dinsmore, News UK chief operating officer, said: "The role of news media holding power to account is more important now than it ever has been.

"The new Journalism Matters campaign will boldly and unashamedly champion journalism as a force for good in our society."

NMA vice chairman Henry Faure Walker, Newsquest chief executive, added: "Local media is the most trusted source for local news and information; more than three times more trusted than social media.

"As a sector, we must continue to remind all our audiences of the essential role local news brands play in communities the length and breadth of the UK, and Journalism Matters will provide us with a strong platform to do just that."

So, where does the claim that local media is more trusted come from?

Last year, Yougov carried out a survey where it was revealed that 74 per cent of respondents said they trust the news and information in their local newspaper, whether online or in print.

Local commercial TV and radio stations were only fractionally behind, with a trust level of 73 per cent, while information from search engines and other websites is trusted by 43 per cent and 39 per cent of people respectively.

Social media came bottom in the poll with just 22 per cent of the 2,131 UK adults surveyed online agreeing they trusted the news and information they see on sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

Of course, the existence of fake news is no surprise. Everyone knows about it and everyone looks out for it – don't they?

Well, perhaps they do, but the danger is when that 'fake news' happens to reinforce what the reader believed already.

Gradually, readers find that more and more news that comforts and reassures their established outlook finds its way to their social media.

Crucially, less and less arrives that challenges their world view and 'filter bubbles' – as they are now known – are created.

As well as covering the local stories that matter to our readers the most, The GEM is also keen to support the local community - pictured here at the Bro Radio Community Awards, The GEM sponsored the Making a Difference Through Business award, which was presented to Tony Hopkins (centre) of High Street Traders.

Over the last five years, the creation of these filter bubbles has led to bigger and bigger divisions in society.

Putting it simply, a social media news fan will say: "*You* are in a filter bubble, whereas I happen to have well-informed friends."

We live in a world where fake news travels around the world in a few minutes.

Worse still, when that news, over the course of a few days, is revealed to be fake, it doesn't disappear for good. Instead, it will often lie low for months until a new social media reader comes across it, likes what he/she sees, and shares it around the world all over again.

What can local journalism do to counteract the the social media behemoths?

Well, the truth is, not a massive amount on our own, but we can act as a filter – separating the opinions that correspondents hold from the (sometimes) dubious facts that they offer to support those opinions.

It's not easy, and we take a fair bit of flak for it, but we do our best.

Local journalists, including our colleagues on the Local Democracy Reporting Service (LDRS) try to suppress their own opinions and offer instead a straightforward account of what is happening in your area.

Do you want to know what is going on at your council? With local planning applications? We will do our best to bring you the facts as simply as possible. Once those facts are out there, then we welcome people's reaction to those facts – reactions from politicians and campaigners but, especially from 'ordinary' people.

We may not always succeed in doing this, but we try.

We also try, in our old-fashioned way, to keep disagreements between correspondents civil, without unpleasant personal insults. That's getting to be difficult these days too!

Local journalism does something else for society too, and this can be under-rated.

We celebrate and report on the everyday activities that are the social glue of a decent and caring society.

WI reports, ramblers' groups, sports reports, local history, local fauna and flora, choirs, groups that work to help others less fortunate, volunteers who keep so many things that we value in society ticking over – we are happy to report on them all.

In a world where the news is often bad and getting worse, where chaos and confusion and natural disasters happen every day – not close to you but somewhere, local newspapers can remind people that the world isn't necessarily going to hell in a hand cart.

There are still many good people out there doing good things.

And from our point of view, these reports tend to have very little fake news in them!

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Awards evening celebrates good citizens!

The Mayor presenting a citizen of the year award to Kate Thomas.

Cllr Gwen Baty presenting an award for citizen of the year jointly to Richard and Judy Browning.

Valerie Ellis accepting the young citizen award on behalf of Sophie Ellis.

The winners. (ALL PICTURES BY MIKE WILCOCK)

Cllr Leighton Rowlands and Cllr Terry Williams with representatives of the Cowbridge Gateway Monday Club.

COWBRIDGE with Llanblethian Town Council recently held its Citizens Award event in the Bear Hotel - an evening aiming to acknowledge the contribution of local people to the town in a variety of areas.

The award categories were: Citizen of the Year; Young Citizen of the Year; Senior Sports Personality of the Year; Service to the Community; The Mayor's award; Honorary Citizenship Award.

A Citizen of the Year award went to Kate Thomas, the chairman of the Cowbridge Chamber of Trade, for her work in promoting the town.

The citation read: "The Christmas lights in the High Street are almost solely down to her single-minded efforts to overcome a variety of obstacles.

"Also, it was her initiative to enter the National High Street competition, where the town was successful in winning the 'Rising Star' award."

Richard Browning and his wife Judy jointly received a Citizen of the Year award, recognising their work on the Old Hall Gardens project, and also for their church.

The citation thanked him for putting to use his extensive horticultural knowledge – he was a lecturer at Pencoed College – to good use in "transforming the landscape".

He was praised for managing the Work Party, giving each member something worthwhile and interesting to do.

The citation praised Judy for her work supporting the sick and elderly in their homes, and in transporting people to hospital appointments.

As a couple, they have, for many years, trained guide dogs for the blind.

The Young Citizen of the Year award went to Sophie Ellis Hunt for her work in the community, including helping in after school clubs and in a local stables with the pony club.

The Senior Sports Personality of the Year went to Tom Merilaht of Cowbridge Cricket Club.

As was reported last week by the cricket club, Tom has been a stalwart of the club, opening the batting for 11 years now, and last year the 29-year-old had a stellar season, where he and his fellow opening bat, Ben Wright, set a stack of club batting records.

Over 16 games, Tom averaged 154.14, being not out nine times - a remarkable achievement for an opening bat.

A Service to the Community award went to the Cowbridge Gateway Monday Club committee: Betty Alden; Sue Edwards; Ann Roach; Olive Rawson and Kay Edwards.

The citation read: "For over 40 years, this dedicated group of volunteers have been holding a 'Monday Club' for adults over 16 years with learning disabilities, once a month.

"They also organise an annual day trip, and an annual evening meal in the Bear Hotel."

A second 'service to the community' award went to the 'Love Cowbridge Hate Litter' group, who organise regular litter picks around the town.

The Honorary Citizenship award went to David Howell, who has organised the Cowbridge and District Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for the past seven years.

The giant poppies that adorn Cowbridge lampposts, detailing the history of Cowbridge men who were lost in conflict, were introduced by Mr Howell.

Over the last seven years, the Poppy Appeal has raised £118,000, with the most recent year setting a new record of £21,000.

Finally, the Mayor presented four 'Mayor's Awards' to the following citizens.

• Cllr Jon Harris in recognition of his 26 years of service as a town councillor.

• Mr David Weber for his work with the Scouts for many years, in particular organising the Christmas Post. He also volunteers as a 'listener' helping pupils in a local primary school practice their reading skills.

• Moya Vahey was honoured for teaching ballet in the town for over 50 years.

• Gill Clay was honoured for her time (more than 50 years) helping the Guides and Scout movements in Cowbridge.

SEE NEXT WEEK'S GEM FOR MORE PICTURES

What's on, and where?

Cowbridge U3A History Group

THE next Cowbridge U3A History Group meeting will be a talk entitled 'The Search for My Father; a light-hearted look at Family History' by Sally Mabey at 10am on Thursday, May 16 in Cowbridge Town Hall, in the main hall.

Visitors welcome: there is a small fee. See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge for further information.

MP's surgery

ARE you living in Vale and need some advice on a local issue?

Alun Cairns MP will hold an advice surgery from 9.30am to 10.30am for his constituents at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Friday, May 17. No appointment is needed; just come along. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Barry War Museum

TWO presentations will take place at the Barry War Museum at Barry Island Station on Wednesday, May 15.

From 7pm–7.30pm a brief briefing (imagined) on the situation in south Wales as of May 15 1944: 'The Lead Up to D-Day: Just What's Going On?' by Glenn Booker, chair of Barry At War group.

Then at 8pm – 9pm the story of a US Army Ordnance Company based in south Wales in 1943-1944; their time at G.40 Sully before moving to Cardigan, then on June 6 leaving Cardigan to go to Normandy. This is by Andrea Sutcliffe from the Commonwealth of Virginia, USA whose father was a member of the 111th Ordnance Company and whose mother was a Welsh GI bride. Andrea comes to Wales from France having traced the course of her father's company from Omaha Beach across France towards Germany.

Free admission, cup of tea provided.

Bingo caller wanted!

The RAFA Club Porthcawl are looking for a volunteer bingo caller for its Wednesday night bingo session between 7.30pm and 10pm. If interested, please contact the club on 01656 782802.

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MPN Windows rejoins the 'Independent Network' family

FAMILY-OWNED MPN Windows, Doors and Conservatories has become a member of a prestigious national trade body and has also recently become accredited as a 'Which Magazine Trusted Trader'.

Independent Network only accepts the country's most professional window and door companies, and each one must undergo rigorous vetting before being allowed to join, and display the IN branding. Companies like MPN must then agree to continuous auditing to ensure they maintain that same level of absolute professionalism.

Paul Webster, owner of MPN explained: "Independent Network imposes very strict criteria on its members; we must commit to using exceptional quality VEKA materials and every single one of our customers is given a customer satisfaction report to complete, which is sent directly back to the organisation – so they can make sure we are as good as our word when it comes to quality products and installations.

"In this way, IN can be sure that we continue to operate to the highest standards and they are happy to offer our customers a fantastic 10-year insurance-backed guarantee.

"This provides complete peace of mind for customers. They can rest assured that their investment is safe and protected, and they can see – at a glance – that we carry the Independent Network logo, which signifies that we're among the top VEKA fitters in the UK.

"We were award-winning members of the organisation for many years, back when it was known as Network VEKA, and then we changed PVC-U suppliers and were no longer eligible. Although the quality of our products was still good, we are so committed to customer satisfaction that we decided to make the move back to VEKA PVC-U so that we could rejoin the network and offer our customers all the benefits that go with it.

"Benefits include things like deposit protection, insurance-backed guarantees, finance options and a phenomenal choice of window styles and colours, to name just a few."

Independent Network's Karen Lund said: "It's been great to welcome MPN back to the organisation. The company has won numerous awards for customer satisfaction over the years, and we know that the team represent everything we want to see from an IN member.

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Good friends and family remember Cowbridge man who was a 'special person'

FAMILY, friends and army colleagues gathered in Cowbridge last weekend to remember Tom 'Pies' Clarke, a special person who, with other brave army personnel, was taken from us on a mission in Afghanistan five years ago.

On Saturday, the group set off to the picturesque Porthcawl area, making several stops to rehydrate. On the Sunday, the same group, with a few sore heads, enjoyed a game of touch rugby on the club field.

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Ysgol Bro Morgannwg students shine in public speaking contest

ON April 27, Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg's public speaking team represented Wales in the English Speaking Union Churchill Public Speaking competition.

The competition had over 1,200 entrants and the eight teams competed in the UK grand final at Churchill College, Cambridge.

Rhys Griffiths, year-11 pupil and speaker for the YGBM team was awarded 'Outstanding Personality' for the competition. Rhys was accompanied by his team mates, Sara Jones: chair and Morgan Bailey: questioner. He spoke on the topic 'We should lower the voting age to 16'.

The Rt Hon Baroness D'Souza was one of the judges and commented on the speakers' performance by saying: "They were absolutely wonderful. There was passion, there was style, enormous content and structure and I was hugely impressed in the way they marshalled very complex material."

Another judge Susie Fowler-Watts, a journalist with BBC East, added: "The competition was the most impressive yet, and gives me hope and optimism for our country's future."

YGBM sixth form pupil Huw Jones was the timekeeper for the competition and also presented an opening speech. Huw is a former PSC winner and World Schools Debating Competition Wales team member. This year's winning team were Pate's Grammar School representing the Midland region.

Elena Morgan, the school's English teacher, commented: "YGBM is very proud of our public speaking team reaching the UK grand final. All schools presented to an extremely high standard which made for an exciting competition. Da iawn, Rhys, for winning 'Outstanding Personality' and to the whole team for representing Wales so well."

(Left to right): Rhys Griffiths, Morgan Bailey, Sara Jones.

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What's on and where?

Family History talk

THE next meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History Society will take place on Monday, May 20 when Fl. Lt. Robert Taylor will talk about RAF Stormy Down and the Welsh Dam Busters.

The talk will take place at the Len Evans Centre off Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig, CF32 9RF at 7.30pm; members of the public welcome.

Tax help

ARE you worried about your tax affairs? Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop run a monthly tax advice surgery available to anyone over the age of 50.

A session will be held on Monday, May 20 from 9.30am-11.30am. Advice is free and no appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Fibromyalgia support

DO you have fibromyalgia? Maybe you are a carer looking after a loved one and are looking for advice or support groups in local area.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding an information session on Tuesday, May 21 from 10am to 12pm. No appointment is needed; just come along to Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

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‘Mr Sleek’ recalls ‘emotional pain’ that took him to 27 stone!

AFTER losing more than 13 stone, Martin Woodsford of Penarth says that for the first time he is “living the dream’ and has a happy relationship and is loving his new career, helping others change their lives for the better too.

At his heaviest, Martin weighed over 27 stone when he was bingeing on take-aways and junk food and up to 10 chocolate bars a day.

He now weighs just over 14 stone, and is helping others lose weight and inspiring others with almost 40,000 followers on Instagram.

Admitting to himself that he had a problem wasn’t easy for Martin, who suffered years of abuse as a child and later anorexia, bulimia and depression.

Martin, now 47, said: “Things were pretty grim, I lived in fear every day as a child and was taken into care at the age of 11. As a skinny child being withheld food, I grew up in care and was introduced to fatty foods that I’d never had before and I couldn’t get enough of them!”

Before he was taken into care, he was beaten, kicked and even had cigarettes stubbed out on his skin.

Martin was taken from his home in Newport where he wasn’t given much to eat and he was eventually put into a residential school for abused children in Chepstow. It gave him a “lifeline of hope”.

He said: “To have my clothes I wore on my back to be clean, to sleep in a normal bed with sheets and a duvet instead of a threadbare mattress on a concrete floor with a folded teddy as a pillow and an old coat as my only warmth in the winter months on my bed helped to build my confidence a little.”

But Martin’s mental health started to suffer as he got older.

“I knew I had to leave the school and would be facing the big bad world all alone with no family and no one to fall back on.

“I felt stranded and tossed out on a limb with no love or support and it was around the same time that I developed bulimia. It was the one and only way I could control anything in my life.

ABOVE LEFT: Martin before, and ABOVE RIGHT: Martin after.

“I felt I would never be able to have a relationship and a family of my own.”

Martin said his bulimia got so bad in his early 20s that he was eventually hospitalised after being below 9 stone. Martin is 6’2’.

He underwent counselling and was prescribed medication. Later, in his 30s, he developed an eating pattern of binge eating and dieting.

Nothing worked until something happened which made it spiral out of control.

“My ex-partner became pregnant in 2004 with triplets. There were so many complications with the pregnancy, including my son having a grade three brain bleed and brain swelling.

“It was rewarding because we had our beautiful babies but life-wrenching because you couldn’t enjoy all the special things new parents are supposed to enjoy,” he said.

“I would have a full Indian take-away but would still eat stuff in my house – anything to binge on. I could eat 10 chocolate bars a day and nothing seemed to make me feel any better.”

Martin’s relationship later came to an end and he came out as gay in his 40s.

“It was an awful time, but liberating at the same time,” he said.

“I felt I would be judged, but I had to do it and be true to myself. All my friends said they knew before I did, but I really didn’t.

“I had counselling a few years ago and the counsellor really helped me understand that I had suppressed being gay because of the abuse I had suffered earlier in my life and with the need to have that perfect family that everyone dreams about.”

Martin joined Slimming World in 2014 and lost 13 stone - dropping from 27 stone to just over 14 stone and won Mr Sleek UK.

Martin added: “I’ve learnt so much with Slimming World. It’s not only changed my life, but given me a life I never thought possible helping others to achieve their dreams too.”

Martin is now an award-winning Slimming World consultant and team developer.

Martin also runs his own groups, on Mondays at Elfed Avenue United Church in Penarth at 5.30pm and 7.30pm, and on Saturday mornings at Colcot Community Centre in Barry at 7.30am, 9.30am and 11.30am.

For more information, call 07444 374377 or follow Martin on Instagram at mr_slimmingworld .

Knights celebrating 25 years in Barry

KNIGHTS Estate Agents is celebrating its 25th anniversary in Barry.

For the last two and a half decades, the company has been a constant feature on High Street, selling and renting commercial and residential properties across the whole of Barry and the Vale.

Managing director Carey Jones (pictured) commented: “Reaching this milestone is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our sales and lettings team, but one of the key reasons for our success has been our in-depth knowledge of the property markets in Barry and the Vale.”

Over the last 12 months Knights have sold 97 per cent of their housing stock for full asking price, and they are one of the leading letting agents in the area.

To celebrate their 25th anniversary, the team at Knights are inviting all clients, past, present and future, to a coffee morning in their sales office at 11am on Thursday, May 16.

Complimentary tea, coffee and cake will be provided, and they will also be holding a charity raffle in aid of the Marie Curie Cardiff and Vale Hospice in Penarth.

“We want to give something back to the community which has supported us, so everyone is invited to join the celebration,” said Carey. “The last 25 years have been fantastic, and we are expecting the next 25 years to be even better.”

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Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Llandow on Friday, 17th May at 11.30am, followed by private interment in the churchyard.

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BUMFORD
Alan

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Alan will be very sadly missed by all his family and friends.

He will live on forever in our hearts.

Alan is resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until his funeral service on Wednesday, 15th May at 1pm at A.G. Adams Chapel, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium at 2pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, in memory of Alan, may be made to British Heart Foundation.

WAITE
Joyce Vera

Peacefully on Tuesday, 30th April at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, aged 101 years.

Joyce will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends.

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BELL
Joyce Nancy

Peacefully on Saturday, 27th April at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Beloved wife of the late Roy, loving mother of Linda, John and Michael. Much loved grandmother and great grandmother.

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STEELE
Avril

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BOWSHER
Malcolm Clifford

Passed away on Wednesday, 1st May at his home in Rhoose surrounded by all his family. Beloved husband of Jane, loving father of Rhos, Joanne, son-in-law Matt and daughter-in-law Joelle, brother to Graeme. Much loved grampy to Henri, Harley, Roni, Frankie and Reuben.

Mal was a larger than life character who will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, 14th May, service and cremation 2.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie c/o the funeral director.

Acknowledgements

LEWIS
Cliff

Catherine, Craig and Charlene would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and support received on the passing of Cliff.

Special thanks to Canon Pat O'Gorman for a lovely service. Also, thanks to Lyndsay Ellis and staff at The Vale Funeral service for their care and for all the donations received for charity.

BOWEN
Malcolm John

The family would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and support on the sad passing of Malcolm.

Special thanks to all the staff at Marie Curie, A.G. Adams Funeralcare and Canon Patrick O'Gorman for such a lovely service.

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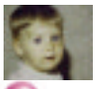

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The Barry Town United senior team.

Barry Town United teams claim a hat-trick of South Wales FA Cup wins

SATURDAY, May 4 saw the women and girls South Wales FA Cup finals take place at Penybont FC, Bridgend with Barry Town United Ladies represented in all three age groups for the first time in their history.

The under-14s team.

First up the under-14s took on Pencoed Boys & Girls Club in what proved to be a thriller of a cup final.

Barry had recently secured the league title but they missed out on a cup competition last season with an extra-time defeat to the same opposition in the League Cup, so there was plenty riding on this fixture.

Barry took an early first half lead when Emilie John finished off a good move before calmly slotting past the goalkeeper but the lead lasted just 10 minutes as Pencoed equalised with a shot from the edge of the area going in off the post.

The score remained 1-1 at the break which was a fair reflection of the first period. However Barry came racing out of the blocks in the second half and put Pencoed under severe pressure which finally told when John once again found space following a great passage of play to put Barry back in front.

John was to have a memorable day, sealing her hat-trick just minutes later, rounding the keeper to put Barry into a 3-1 lead.

Just as it looked Barry had moved out of sight, Pencoed rallied and stunned Barry with two quick fire goals to make it 3-3.

It was very much on with five minutes to go but there was to be one last twist. A Barry corner was only partially cleared to the edge of the area where Faith Mulenga swivelled and stuck a looping shot over the goalkeeper to give Barry a 4-3 win in the last minute of the game.

In the **under-16 final** Barry took on Cardiff City Ladies for the second year in succession.

The Vale-based club took control and scored after seven minutes when Ella Hilliard struck a measured left foot shot into the corner of the net.

Barry doubled their lead 12 minutes later when an in-swinging corner from Hilliard deflected off a Cardiff defender and spun into the net to make it 2-0.

Captain Caitlin Meadows made it 3-0 before half-time with a well-timed header from another Hilliard corner to give Barry a commanding lead.

The second half followed a similar pattern and Taite Trivett got in on the act to make it 4-0 to Barry with a calm finish.

Hilliard was involved yet again for Barry's fifh goal, striking home a well-placed shot to make it 5-0 and there was time for one more as substitute Elen Matthews netted late on to round off a 6-0 win for Barry and complete and excellent overall team performance.

Barry Town Ladies went into their cup final against Merthyr Town looking to retain the trophy that they won for the first time the previous season.

This also turned out to be a highly entertaining final with Barry going into the game as favourites against a Merthyr side who possess a strong attacking line-up.

Barry made the first breakthrough as Charlotte Preen won possession and laid the ball off to Ellen Phillips whose perfectly-weighted through ball found Sian Rees, who raced through on goal before slotting past the goalkeeper to make it 1-0.

The score remained 1-0 at th break, but the second half proved to be a rollercoaster as the game came to life just two minutes into the second period.

A misplaced pass from the Barry midfield found Isabelle Kaler who raced through to score a well-taken goal to get Merthyr on level terms.

Not long after, Barry restored their lead, through a fabulous free kick from Preen which went over the goalkeeper.

However, once more Barry's lead was shortlived as Merthyr responded for a second time to make it 2-2.

The game was in the balance with 15 minutes to go but a tactical switch saw Deacon move into a striker role alongside Rees, which turned the game back in Barry's favour.

Firstly a great through ball from Rees found Deacon who rounded the keeper and laid the ball off to Preen to finish off a great move to make it 3-2, and then, with little time remaining, Barry secured the win as another through ball from Rees found Deacon one on one with the goalkeeper and she placed the ball into the net to make it 4-2 and give Barry a deserved win in what proved to be an excellent final.

After the game, manager Luke Williams commented: "This is a great day not just for the ladies but the club as a whole. We are making excellent progress and I believe the best is yet to come and this is just the start of what we are developing for the next few years."

LW

Vale Cricket Club start the season with a pair of wins

WITH the new start time of 12.30pm, Vale CC firsts were on the road early as they travelled to Usk in order to play Monkswood.

Vale expected a tough fixture from a team that had finished right behind Vale in last year's table.

New first team captain Brendan McCay won the toss and elected to bowl. Openers Darren Upham and Joe Hodges got to work on a track that took considerable pace off the bowling.

Hodges (2-4) took the first of his two wickets thanks to a well-taken catch from Richie Humphreys who waited a long time under the high ball as it swirled in the wind.

Hodges' second wicket came in the fourth over as he bowled Monkswood's captain M Jones (8). Upham (2-29) then got in on the wicket taking action by removing the dangerous M Watkins (14) as he gloved one behind to keeper Harry Withers.

Upham's's consistent and nagging line proved difficult for the Monkswood batsman as they looked for ways to score off his bowling, leading to his second wicket, caught by captain Brendan McCay at mid on.

The next bowling partnership of Sean Rowlands (3-41) and Alex Upham (1-45) saw Monkswood open up as their accelerators and big hitters entered the crease.

Rowlands maintained his consistent line and length, refusing to be put off by the aggressive intentions of the batsmen as he bowled one and had two caught in the field by Joe Hodges (catching J Weller who top scored with 27) with Richie Humphreys catching Sean's third wicket.

Alex Upham then got in on the action removing A Malson (24) as he too was caught behind by keeper Harry Withers.

The final wicket was claimed by Dean Oram who took a straight-forward catch off his own bowling. Vale looked good and backed up some good bowling with solid fielding, taking their chances when they came restricting, Monkswood to 133 all out.

After tea Vale looked to seal victory and signal their intent for the season. It was the turn of Vale openers JP Davies (7) and Alex Upham (20) to put up with the tricky wicket where the ball didn't come onto the bat as you would expect.

JP was the first victim as he was bowled trying to work a ball through the legside. Oram (7) and Upham then put on a further 26 runs before Oram was caught at backward point after a mistimed shot, leaving the score 45-2 after 12 overs.

Upham soon followed after being out lbw, bringing captain McCay (35) and Snelson (37no) to the crease. The two experienced players put on 64 runs together and took the game away from Monkswood.

McCay and Snelson took the total to 110 before McCay was replaced by Steve Hiles (8no) who with Snelson saw Vale over the line with 15 overs to spare.

This was a comprehensive victory for Vale who played well but still have some things to work on for this week's encounter against the recently relegated Barry Athletic who will provide a tough opposition next week in Corntown.

Vale CC would like to thank their hosts Monkswood not only for their excellent tea but also for their sportsmanship and friendly atmosphere - good luck for the rest of the season. **Vale CC seconds welcomed Blaengarw firsts to Corntown in the opening league match of the 2019 season.**

After promotion last season and the recent restructuring of the leagues, Vale seconds will play several one-club teams this season in Division 7 of the South East Wales Cricket League.

Blaengarw captain Nicholas Spooner won the coin toss and elected to field first on a very dry and blustery day in Corntown. Vale captain Matthew Thomas opened the batting along with Gareth Kellend and both batsmen found the opening bowlers Lloyd Chambers and Nicholas Spooner difficult to score against in bowler-friendly conditions.

Chambers bowled six overs for 15 runs and Spooner eight overs for 23, picking up one wicket. At the halfway 20-over drinks break, Vale found themselves 75 for 1 having lost the wicket of Kelland early on.

Thomas and veteran Mark Francis batted assertively together, putting on a stand of 102 before Francis fell caught and mid-on for 32 in the 26th over.

In came Vale debutant Ian Clewley at No 4 with 14 overs to go. Clewley quickly settled, hitting several boundaries and eventually finishing with an unbeaten 52 not out.

Thomas shared his second century partnership of the day with Clewley, this partnership worth 135 runs in just 14 overs. Thomas was bowled out with a well-disguised slower ball by the combative Gregory Sinnott in the 39th over for a hard-hitting 139.

Sinnott completed his spell with 1 for 65 in his 8 overs. Vale ended their inning with a score of 246 for 3 and were well placed at the tea interval.

The Blaengarw reply started slowly with the impressive Matthew Gilbert (1 for 16) and Tom Lazarus bowling consistent tight lines and giving the batsmen very little to hit.

The first wicket fell in the 14th over where Tom Lazarus (1 for 22) picked up the wicket of opener Sinnott for 15. Tom's brother Matt came on to bowl from the pavilion end, and, although wicketless, bowled seven overs for 28 and unluckily had two dropped catches in the same over.

The left-hand spinning option of Tom Taylor picked up 2 for 19 including the wicket of Blaengarw top scorer Craig Butler (20) but the star of the show was Paul Sheppard.

He is usually known for batting as a hard-hitting middle order player, but he came on to bowl when wickets were hard to come by for the Vale.

He quickly got into rhythm, taking a wicket in his second over. From there on wickets tumbled and he finished his bowling spell with five for just 21 runs and the match ball. Blaengarw were eventually bowled out in the 39th over for 112.

Vale seconds were very happy with their 134-run victory and move on to this week with an away fixture against Barry Athletic.

HW

Holton Road lift cup to achieve treble

ON a sunny Saturday evening at the Kymco Stadium, Bridgend, for the first time in the South Wales Intermediate Cup history two teams from the Vale Leagues faced each other in the final, Holton Road AFC and The Tynewydd FC.

As expected, it was a close encounter with Holton eventually winning the match 2-0 thanks to goals from Mondo (with another screamer) and Shaun Jachontow sealing the victory late on after some great wing play from man of the match Travell Konten.

The win fittingly finished an incredible season with Holton winning an historic treble and coach Jeff Howells said: "I'd like to thank our supporters, especially the youngsters, Stu, Carl, Mike and Abi who have backed us behind the scenes doing the unseen work, our sponsors and my coaches Emlyn and Matt.

"I'd also like to say a big thank you to Tynewydd FC for their very kind gesture before Saturday's final in giving a donation to the *#livinginthenow* campaign and thank everyone who has donated towards my upcoming Skydive on May 19."

JH

Barrivale Bridge Club latest

RESULTS for the Barrivale Bridge Club night on April 30 are as follows:

Joint first place: Peter Millar and Jane Brook, and Reg Dyer and Ken Hannah with 57.08 per cent. Second place: Kay Dyer and Dave Thomas 56.67. Lyn Matthews and Sue Jones won the handicap.

As always, new members at the club are welcomed and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join us call any of the following numbers: 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Currently, players inexperienced or new to bridge continue to play on Friday mornings at 10am (doors open 9.45am) at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play, and Thursday afternoons for assisted play from 1.30 - 4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF63 4AP (the waterfront).

On and off the turf – with Brian Lee

FOLLOWING his success on David Brace's *William Money i*n the novice riders' race at the Berkeley Hunt Steeplechases recently, Jack Tudor had a walkover on the aptly named *Walkabout Creek* in the hunt race at the Tivyside Hunt Point-To-Point on Sunday, April 28.

Then, riding *Desert Roe*, the 4-6 favourite, in the conditions race around 40 minutes later, he beat solitary rival *Jungle Legend*.

He made it a hat-trick when taking the closing novice riders' race on the long-odds on *Midnight Folie*.

Llancarfan's Isabel Williams, riding *Hold Court* in the three horse ladies' open, chalked up her fourth winner of the season when beating the Anna Lewis-ridden *Tiger Rag,* and Wayne Maskell, riding *Caveat Emptor*, beat the Byron Moorcroft-partnered *Little Brian* in the maiden race.

In a match for the men's open, Welsh champion rider Bradley Gibbs, riding *Moral Hazard*, beat the odds-on *Ramble On,* ridden by Byron Moorcroft.

FLINT STRIKES AGAIN

Bridgend's John Flint has made a welcome return to the winners' enclosure after a lean time.

At Salisbury last Thursday, May 2, his *Air Of York*, a 66-1 chance, won the William Hill Retail Bookmaker Of The Year Handicap when finishing half-a-length ahead of *The Groove* and those who backed the horse on the tote, and there couldn't have been many of them, obtained odds of just over 80-1!

Air Of York, a seven-year-old running for the first time in 103 days, was partnered by Stevie Donohoe and the following day at Chepstow Racecourse, Flint's four-year-old *Carp Kid,* under Finley Marsh, was a 10-1 winner of the opening Marketing Stop-Direct Marketing Specialists Handicap over a mile-and-a-half.

Carp Kid got home by three-and-three quarter lengths from *Kirkland Forever*, a winner of its previous race.

Welsh-speaking David Probert, who hails from Bargoed, won on 9-1 shot *Seascape* and 8-1 chance *Green Etoile* at Salisbury, and at Chepstow won the Caring Safe Professional Handicap on the 3-1 favourite *Fair Cop*, trained by Toby Balding.

Ron Harris, who trains near the course, was successful with *Brother Bently* in the County Marqees Handicap.

TOM'S FIRST WINNER

Tom David, who is assistant trainer to Gloucestershire's Ben Pauling, and who hails from Llanharan, saddled his first winner as a trainer when Bishop's Road, a 16-1 chance, ridden by Zac Baker, landed the Junior Jumpers Open Hunters' Chase at Cheltenham last Friday evening.

Eleven-year-old *Bishops Road* came home some an odd 39 lengths ahead of the odds-on favourite *Risk A Fine*, trained at Pyle by former rugby player Gareth Moore.

Tom, a former point-to-point rider himself, rode and trained a number of winners for Zara Phillips.

DELYTH'S CHEPSTOW WINNER

Delyth Thomas, of Aberkenfig, landed the Shadwell Arabian Stallions Maiden race worth £1,500 to the winner at Chepstow Racecourse last weekend with her *Paramer Angel* who got home by a head from *Abiyah Bah.*

Paramer Angel was partnered by leading Arabian horse racing rider Charlie Price, who rides out for Vale trainer Tim Vaughan.

Charlie still managed to get his mount home despite dropping his whip in the last furlong.

There were 10 runners and *Paramer Angel* was returned at odds of 2-1.

COWBRIDGE RIDER'S BANWEN WIN

Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft is enjoying his best ever year and on May Day Bank Holiday Monday at the Banwen Point-To-Point Club Steeplechases at Llwyn DD,Glais near Swansea, he chalked-up his 24th winner of the season on Jason Warner's five-year-old chestnut gelding *French Piece*, which won by three lengths from *Gowell* after making most of the running.

"He's a nice horse but he ran very green and he will kick or bite you given the chance," said Moorcroft who also trains the horse.

However, the day's riding honours went to Carmarthen's Ben Jones, son of former leading Welsh champion rider Dai Jones.

Ben won the confined race on *Gun Shy*, the intermediate on *Midnight Folie* and the open maiden on *Ardview Boy*.

Gun Shy, an 11-year-old bay gelding, owned and trained by Chepstow's Tommy Faulkner, won by two lengths from the pacemaking *Moreece.*

Midnight Folie, who was winning for the third time on the bounce, made all to beat solitary rival the blinkered *Ruperra Tom* by 25 lengths and *Ardview Boy* led throughout to win by some 30 lengths from *MoreHurryLessHaste*.

Just three runners went to post for the men's open race and the odds-on *Moral Hazard* under Bradley Gibbs, who is making a bold bid to win the national mens championship, came home four lengths ahead of the hooded *WalkAbout Creek.*

"The faster they go the better he is," said Gibbs.

PatrickTom Boru, owned and trained by Bridgend builder Roger Willcox, was made favourite to land the ladies' open race under Jodie Hughes. However,the prolific winner just couldn't catch the pacemaking *Tiger Rag* and by the time the winning post was reached was a length-and-a-half in arrears.

Tiger Rag was well ridden by Anna Lewis, aged 18, a student in her last year and who was winning her first race of the season.

TUDOR REIGNS

Merthyr Mawr's Jack Tudor, 17, who is making a bold bid to land the national novice riders' championship, was in fine form at last Sunday's Devon & Staghounds Point-To-Point Steeplechases where he landed a double on two horses trained by his father Jonathan.

Jack won the novice riders' race on the odds-on *High Hatton* and the open maiden on *Sing The Anthem.*

At Cold Harbour, Hereford, Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft,who is old enough to be Jack's father, won the restricted on the Luke Price-trained Deshan and Welsh champion Bradley Gibbs took the open maiden on Tommy Faulkner's five-year-old *Thomas Crown.*

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club news

LATEST results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club are as follows:

April 15 (club championship round 1) first, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage 74.43 per cent; second, Mike Best and David Birt 60.68; third, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 58.81.

April 29 (club championship round 2) first, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage 63.66 per cent; second, Linda Pinnock and Marjorie Morris 60.42; third, Hilary Morgan and Christine Richmond 57.83.

The results from May 6:

Club Championship, round 3: first, Phil Felman and Tony Disley, 66.64 per cent; second, Glyn Williams and Vida Halford, 58.63 per cent; third, John Raymond and Alan Lewis, 55.98 per cent.

LE

Welsh cricket team to play in Cowbridge

THE Wales Senior 70s cricket team have a fixture against their counterparts from Somerset at the Athletic Ground on Wednesday, May 22.

The game is due to start at 1pm and local support would be most welcome with the bar open from 4.30pm.

In the squad, and hoping for selection, are three Cowbridge residents and members of Cowbridge Cricket Club, John Gilbert, Dave Webb and Jon Brazier.

The match is played as a fixture in the 70s Friendly Cricket League sponsored by Daioni of Pembrokeshire ,which consists of County sides predominantly in the west of England and the Midlands, as well as a team representing Wales.

Games are 40 overs per side and Wales play their home games all around the country at clubs who loan their facilities, in this instance, Cowbridge Cricket Club.

JB

New season is well under way at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club

THE new golfing season is well under way at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club.

Various club competitions have been played since early March and more recently the start of the major tournaments with the opportunity of members getting their names engraved in gold leaf on the various honours boards.

Mixed competitions are very popular and on Easter Monday, there was a large entry for the Ashton Trophy. The course was already in magnificent condition and the players enjoyed glorious weather.

The winners were Sheila Morrow and Russell Owens who posted an excellent score of 39 points. Runners up were Jane Lott and Phil Yee who also scored 39 but just missed out on the narrowest of margins on the count back. The winning pair were congratulated by the new club captain Lesley Sherrard, who thanked all the competitors for supporting the competition.

Club captain Lesley Sherrard (centre) congratulating the winning pair Sheila Morrow and Russell Owens.

The first of the Men's board competitions took place on Sunday and another huge entry turned out for the Celnik Cup. The winner was Graham Robinson who posted a magnificent score of 41 points in quite tricky weather conditions with runner up Joseph Lane recording 38, and third place went to Anthony Hobbs with 36.

The club really appreciates the fine work of head greenkeeper Lucy Sellick and her team who have quickly brought the course up to superb condition after the winter months.

The club also appreciates the efforts of the administration and catering staff and it was with pleasure that club captain Lesley Sherrard took the opportunity to present team member Julie Staples with a fine clock in recognition of 25 years of excellent service with the club.

BJ

International bowls in the Vale

THE eyes of the bowling world will turn to the Vale this weekend as some of the best bowlers in the world will visit Barry in the next two weeks as the 2019 Atlantic Championships, featuring over 200 players from 27 countries, will start this Friday, May 10 at Barry Island.

Barry Athletic are proud to be co-hosting the event along with Windsor Penarth, Dinas Powys and Penylan bowling clubs. The tournament will last 12 days with 10 days of play at Barry Island.

The early matches commence as early as 8.15am on many days, with evening matches starting at 6pm. England, Scotland and South Africa are the main attractions on the opening day at the Athletic.

Play will continue all week, with some days having as many as five sessions.

Barry Athletic Bowls Club has hosted many international matches in its 108 year history, but possibly never anything on this scale, and members of the public are encouraged to come along and see this unique spectacle at close hand.

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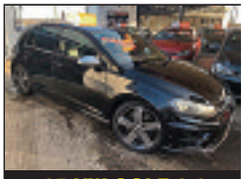

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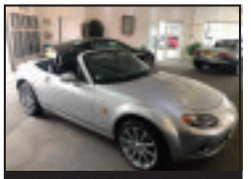

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From left: Adrian Abbott, James Savory, Sam Lazenbury and Mark Eveleigh.

Special Olympic golfers from the Vale battle the elements in Bicester

RECENTLY, four Special Olympics Wales golfers set off for the Special Olympics West Midland Golf Tournament at Bicester Golf Club.

The golfers took part in a skills session with the golf professional which was enjoyed by all, but the following day the weather took a turn for the worse. First to tee off in the 18-hole division one group was Sam Lazenbury from Barry; in the second group was James Savory (Barry), and the other two golfers, Adrian Abbott (Llantwit Major) and Mark Eveleigh (Barry) were in the nine hole competition.

While the 18-hole golfers were on the third, the heavens opened. The golfers were asked if they wanted to continue, and they all agreed that they would carry on and look again at the situation after nine holes.

The players did come off the course at that point, but, after a change of clothing, four of the five 18-golfers carried on in the rain but they did get to play the last five holes in dry conditions.

Sam Lazenbury completed the 18 holes with a great round of 87, taking the title with his fellow team mate James Savory coming in third. Adrian Abbott and Mark Eveleigh received a participation medal as they did not complete the round. They now return to training to prepare for the next competition.

If anyone is interested in taking part as an athlete or volunteering, the sports we cover in Special Olympics Cardiff and Vale group are: badminton, indoor bowls, golf, artistic gymnastics, sprint kayaking, 10 pin bowling and swimming. Contact Jeff Savory at specialolympicswales@gmail.com or call 0780 316 5581.

JS

Farmers enjoy a great day of golf in the valleys

Winning golfers Bryan Wadham, Tom Goldsworthy, sponsor Julian Kelly, Clive Edwards and society captain Clive Thomas.

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held at Bargoed Golf Club where 31 members assembled to compete for a range of high-quality prizes supplied by the day's sponsors, Julian Kelly and David Harris, group secretaries of the National Farmers' Union.

Formerly known as the East Glamorgan Golf Club when it first opened in 1910 adjoining Gelligaer common, the condition of the course was exceptionally good, providing society members and their guests with the opportunity of having a most enjoyable afternoon's golf.

Leading the field at the close of play was Colwinston entrepreneur Clive Edwards, who secured his second win in four months when finishing with 35 stableford points. Runner-up with 32 points was Bryan Wadham, followed in third place by society captain Clive Thomas with 30 points. Charles Vicary, also with 30 points, finished in fourth place.

In the guest section, Tom Goldsworthy took first place with 27 points just ahead of his father Marcus, who finished with 25. Tom also collected the Llanerch Vineyard and Restaurant-sponsored prize when hitting the longest drive down the nominated fairway.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were Ray Thomas, Bryan Wadham, David Williams and John Davies, and Lyn Thomas returned home with a voucher from Picketston Poultry when correctly guessing 24 balls would fail to return home, raising £75 in support of the Kidney Wales Foundation.

The society's next meeting will be the annual medal round competition for the Shrieval Trophy, sponsored by Mark Rees, scheduled for Thursday, May 30 at Newport (Rogerstone) Golf Club.

T.McC

Easter bonnets and a Texas scramble at Cottrell Park

COTTRELL Park ladies celebrated Easter on April 18 with a golf competition and lunch.

Ten teams played a shotgun 12-hole, four-ball Texas scramble on a very pleasant day. After lunch, Tina Morgan, the ladies' captain, presented the competition prizes to the winner of the Winter Eclectic, Lorraine Pointon-Bell, and the winter league, Tessa Matthews, although Tessa was unable to be there for the presentation.

This was followed by the Easter competition, where the winners were Sandra Collin, Cheryl Hopkins, Margaret Rees and Patricia Haines with 42.14 points, and runners-up Jenny Knott, Elaine Mais, Tina Morgan and Rowena McArtney with 45.07. Nearest the pin was Rusty Fone and nearest the line was Tina Morgan, with Marian Hale second.

There was a fun Easter bonnet competition which everyone enjoyed, with some very attractive bonnets. First prize went to Cheryl Hopkins with a very large and beautifully decorated bonnet, second was Regina Drew.

Angela Padfield provided the table flowers and Cheryl Hopkins made six very lovely Easter baskets as raffle prizes, which the winners were delighted to receive.

Tina Morgan thanked everyone for attending and hoped they had enjoyed the day. Lorraine Pointon-Bell thanked Tina for all her hard work and organisation.

CB

Winning weekend for Barry Community Tennis Club

WHILE Storm Hannah forced the postponement of the first under-9 team tennis fixture of the summer for Barry Community Tennis Club at the weekend, the ladies doubles and under-8 teams were able to launch their campaigns, with both teams travelling to meet their respective opponents, Canton and Llantwit Major.

PICTURED (left to right): Penny Mickelsen, Grace Mickelsen, Claire Mott and Sally Preston.

The under-8 team consisted of Ethan Ashburner (7, Romilly Primary School) and Scott Mickelsen (7, Barry Island Primary School), both of whom have a lot of tennis experience, and they were joined by newcomers Jasper Rodwell (7, Barry Island Primary School) and Piotr Szymanowicz (7, St Helen's Catholic Primary School).

Each player had to play four singles matches and secured an overall victory for the visiting team by 9 matches to 7. Sporting the new junior kit provided by United Carpets Cardiff, the club's youngest members looked professional, had loads of fun and are looking forward to the rest of the summer season.

The ladies team mother and daughter pair, Penny and Grace Mickelsen, along with Sally Preston and Claire Mott, secured a win of three matches to one over Canton in a very closely fought fixture, with all but one of the matches requiring a deciding third set tie-break.

The club welcomes new members, so whatever your level of experience, check out their social media channels or call at Romilly Park on Tuesday evenings or Sunday mornings to find out more.

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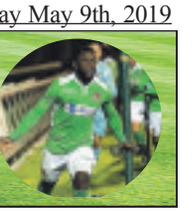

Evans' devastating spell sees Firsts start season with win

A DEVASTATING and dramatic spell of fast bowling by Brad Evans set Cowbridge Cricket Club's First XI on its way to victory over visitors Llandysul by 101 runs at the Athletic Ground last Saturday.

Cowbridge had set 162 as the target for the visitors but Sam Routledge, a student from Nottingham, immediately bowled one of the opening batsmen with none of the generosity one associates with his local band of outlaws.

The next 18 balls bowled by Brad from the Bear Field end saw four further wickets fall and when he took his sweater with the figures of 6-3-4-4 the game was over as a contest.

Indeed it looked as though a very early finish was on the cards. Five wickets still stood to enable Llandysul to deliver a total.

It was never likely.

Eventually the Llandysul innings managed to crawl out of the total capitulation zone but still ended on just 61 with Tom Williams, Rian Thomas, Nick Wood and Sam Russell all claiming wickets.

"You just blew us away," was the verdict of one of the Llandysul batsmen with the air of a man who had just been introduced to Dick Turpin. How right he was.

It was Brad's accuracy and ability to bowl a full length at speed that made it so difficult for the visiting batsmen. They readily admitted that the 'Harare Express' was a very different proposition to that which they were used to receiving most Saturdays.

Cowbridge's batting had not been at its best in getting 161-9 earlier in the game.

It was thanks to the 'Artful Nudger' Tom Merilaht getting 44 with Chris Willey (29) that Cowbridge successfully got over a wobble at 33 for 3 which allowed the lower middle order to achieve a reasonable score.

The results of the matches in the First Division were interesting in that both relegated sides, Tata and Llanelli won well, suggesting it might turn out that these two and Cowbridge will be the ones fighting for the title in August.

It's not a long road between Cowbridge and Margam and providing there are no meetings with HK along the way, the game should provide a real clue as to how the season will pan out.

HK? Who was he? Last week's quiz winner was Jon Smart, who offered Burwash as the residence of Kipling and a place that Cowbridge had played. It was actually Rottingdean but Jon was closest.

JRB

Hockey club receives a new lease of life

A LITTLE over two years ago, Cowbridge Junior Hockey Club was facing a very uncertain future.

Fast-forward to this season and teams are being fielded in south Wales Youth Hockey tournaments at under-9, under-11 and under-13 age groups, while the club's under-15s have also played in regular matches.

The under-9s won the Plate title and the under-11s finished third in their competition. The under-13s first team narrowly missed out on a play-off place while another group at the same level claimed third spot in their respective Plate competition.

The club sent players to try out for the South Wales Dragons, a squad of under-13 girls who will represent the area in this summer's regional championship in Nottingham, and are pleased to report that Katie Gardner and Soffia Easterby were both selected to play.

The Cowbridge club was also delighted to welcome Russell Milne onto its coaching team this season, adding an impressive hockey CV to an already strong set-up.

Despite its rapid development, Cowbridge's main focus continues to be its players, as it strives to ensure that all members, regardless of ability, enjoy their hockey as well as forging the friendships and important life skills that being part of a team provides. To foster this aim, the club will be organising a series of social events away from the pitch including the traditional end-of-season awards on July 2.

Cowbridge Hockey club always welcomes new players aged 6 to 18, and supporters, coaches and umpires of all ages.

For more information email *cowbridgejuniorhc@hotmail.com.*

Disappointing start for the second XI

THE 2019 season began for Cowbridge Cricket Club's second XI in the bucolic setting of Llandysul Cricket Club, nestled by the banks of the river Teifi.

On a glorious day, if a little chilly, Cowbridge's new captain Joe Russell won the toss and elected to field first.

Things started well for Cowbridge with Joe picking up an early wicket and the evergreen John Gilbert keeping it tight at the other end. This good bowling, allied to tight fielding from the youngsters in the side such as Owain Scholey, Lewis Sevenoaks, Will Harris and Issac Owen, meant that Llandysul were restricted to just 45 runs off the first 20 overs.

It was at this point the Llandysul batsmen clearly realised they needed to up the tempo if they were to post a competitive total, and this they did to good effect.

The run rate began to climb and despite some good bowling, Cowbridge were unable to stem the flow of runs. In the end Llandysul finished on 179 for 4.

It was disappointing for Cowbridge to have let Llandysul back into the game having started so well, and the side will reflect on how the fielding in the second half of the game was not of the same standard of the first 20 overs.

Cowbridge knew they would have to bat well to get anywhere near the Llandysul total but this wasn't to be.

Cowbridge never challenged the total. In the end they finished on 77 for 9, with no batsman making a telling contribution.

However: mention should be made of Owain Scholey who showed real promise with the bat in difficult circumstances.

This was a disappointing start to the season but Cowbridge shouldn't be too downcast. The atmosphere was good among the side and there will be plenty of opportunities in the future to put things right.

As the phrase goes, "one swallow does not a summer make", and this defeat should not be seen as the precursor for a poor season for Cowbridge second XI.

JW

Former pupils named in World Cup training squad

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School were delighted and extremely proud to hear that two past pupils – Owen Lane and Rhys Carre – were recently selected by Wales head coach Warren Gatland to be included in the World Cup training squad.

Both pupils attended sixth form at Cowbridge Comprehensive between 2014 and 2016 where they successfully completed A Level and BTEC courses respectively.

DC

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Cowbridge Town win the Barry Cup

COWBRIDGE Town seniors have won the Barry Cup for the second time in their recent history.

The Vale Premier League side came out winners after a tense match at Jenner Park Barry. Playing league rivals Penarth Town, Cowbridge secured the cup with a single goal scored by striker Luke Degabrielle half way through the second half.

Cowbridge went into the final brimming with confidence having only suffered two defeats in their last 17 matches. This was the form that saw them finish third in the league, after what can only be described as an indifferent start to the season.

With a decent crowd at the ground both teams were anxious not to let their supporters down, and the first 20 minutes were a tense affair, with neither side willing to give time or space in the middle of the park.

Goalscoring chances were few and far between with both defences quick to close down any imminent threats. However, after 25 minutes Penarth managed to get a shot on target from 25 yards that was bound for the top right-hand corner of the net.

Cowbridge goalkeeper Sean Rowlands stretched every sinew and manged to tip the the ball over the bar, an incredible save. With Cowbridge creating little in the way of goal scoring opportunities it was left to resolute defence and well organised midfield play to keep the score level going into half-time.

After the break the Town seemed to grow a little in confidence and started, in patches, to play the football that they are capable of. With midfield players Keiron Seymour, Lloyd Lewis and Sam Cooper starting to see more of the ball there were more forays into the Penarth half, but still limited opportunities to score.

Defensively Cowbridge were well organised with centre back pairing Hans Kennedy and Ryan O'Halloran once again outstanding, the latter eventually being named man of the match.

Both Cowbridge full backs Luke Pinchbeck and Jack Gavin looked to play penetrating balls down the touchline to get in behind a strong Penarth defence. Defensive midfielders James Kennedy and Tim Phillips worked tirelessly to keep the Penarth threat at bay and along with the back four formed an impenetrable defensive wall.

Then Cowbridge fashioned their one and only scoring opportunity. With Penarth on the attack the ball was played into the Cowbridge penalty area, and was headed away where it found Sam Cooper, who looking up saw Luke Degabrielle one-on-one with a Penarth defender.

Seizing his opportunity Sam played a first-time ball over the top for DeGabrielle to run onto. Beating the defender for pace the Cowbridge striker got to the edge of the Penarth box before striking an unstoppable shot low into the right-hand corner of the Penarth goal, sending players, officials, and supporters of Cowbridge into a frenzy.

However, the game was far from won, and with a further 20 to 25 minutes still to play the Town had to remain focused.

Concentration levels remained high and substitutes Craig Burrows, Sean Clerkin and Connor Benyon were introduced to the field. Cowbridge were able to see the game out and collect the cup for the second time in the last six seasons.

Cowbridge Town first team will start pre-season training in mid-July and welcome any new players - please leave contact details at Cowbridge Leisure Center for the attention of either Andy Pinchbeck or Dan Hughes.

AP

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON April 28 the darts returned with a full evening of fixtures. The key fixture of the evening was between the league leaders, the Edmondes B and the Highwayman Inn, in second place.

The Edmondes B won 7-2. This ensured, even with one match to go, that they cannot be passed and so are this season's champions. The Edmondes A result also ensured that this year's runners-up are the Highwayman Inn.

The Victoria Inn beat the Red Lion Inn 7-2. In this match Iain Jones (Victoria Inn) hit his fourth 180 of the season.

The other two matches were very close with the Edmondes A beating the Hairy Farmers and the One Town Hall Square beating the Edmondes C both by the same 5-4 score line. This was despite the efforts of Rob McCaver (Hairy Farmers) who hit a 112 three dart out to win a leg in just 12 darts.

In the other scheduled match Llanharry did not field a team and so the Farmers Arms were awarded the nine points.

Present league standings are: Edmondes B (played 18 - 126 points), Highwayman Inn (107), Edmondes A (93), Farmers Arms (82), Victoria Inn (79), Llanharry (76), Hairy Farmers (played 18 - 73), One Town Hall Square (61), Edmondes C (54) and Red Lion Inn (23). All the other teams have played 17 matches.

Next week, Tuesday May 14 we have a couple of matches scheduled to complete the Bye Bye Cup competition. The Red Lion Inn hosts Llanharry and the One Town Hall Square hosts the Victoria Inn. The action will start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT